HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Child Empowerment

Rationale:

Children have the right to give their views and opinions about decisions that affect them and to be listened to. Empowerment is about helping children to have their say. Children are more likely to speak up about their concerns about feeling unsafe, or make a complaint, if they feel their views are valued and welcomed.

Implementation:

HAZELWOOD NORTH School will develop strategies to deliver appropriate education about:

- standards of behaviour for students attending the school;
- healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality);
- resilience; and
- child abuse awareness and prevention.

HAZELWOOD NORTH School will promote the Child Safe Standards in ways that are readily accessible, easy to understand, and user-friendly to children.

HAZELWOOD NORTH School delivers appropriate education about **Standards of Behaviour** by

- ensuring clear expectations for appropriate and inappropriate behavior are monitored using the school's "Standards of Behaviour and Expectations" matrix
- having an up to date Student Engagement and Inclusion Policy
- involving students in decision making through the Student Representative Council as well as students holding leadership positions of School Captain, Vice-Captain and House Captains and Vice-captains.

HAZELWOOD NORTH School delivers appropriate education about **Healthy and**Respectful Relationships by

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- implementing a health and sexuality education program
- implementing a comprehensive Health and Physical Education program
- promoting mental health and wellbeing through various initiatives
- involving students in decision making through the Student Representative Council

HAZELWOOD NORTH School delivers appropriate education about Resilience by

• promoting, modeling, teaching, acknowledging and celebrating resilience through our School Values and through individual goal setting by students.

HAZELWOOD NORTH School delivers appropriate education about **Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention** by

- implementing our health and sexuality education program
- relevant information for parents and community published in the school newsletter
- holding parent information sessions on a needs basis when appropriate