



WA Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program

The WA Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program (the Program) is a framework to embed healthy and positive relationships across the whole school and strengthen cultures of respect and equality through role modelling from staff, policies and procedures, family and domestic violence education programs, curriculum and strengthened family and community partnerships

The Program is a professional learning program for teachers and school staff. It provides foundational knowledge, tools and strategies to teach students about family and domestic violence and implement a whole school approach to violence prevention.

Western Australian schools

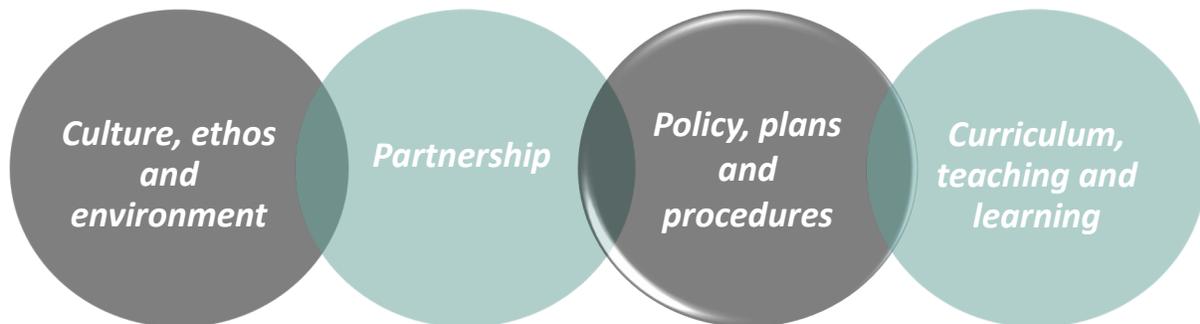
The Program is specifically designed for WA schools and supports specific content in the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Western Australian Curriculum. It complements and works alongside existing social and emotional learning and respectful relationships programs embedding it as a whole school approach. Each school determines how they will implement curriculum.

Tailored approach

The Program acknowledges that each school and community is different and as such the program is tailored to the context and needs of participating schools. As a supportive framework, the Program enables schools to build on and integrate with initiatives already underway in their school.

A whole of school approach

The Program takes a whole of school approach so that the commitment to respectful relationships is evident across each school's culture. Embedding a culture of respect requires a multidimensional, multipronged approach underpinned by student voice and leadership.



The Program

Schools will be provided ongoing engagement and support tailored to their local context and needs. Participants will complete the following professional learning:

- **eLearning**

Participants from each school in the Program complete an eLearning session, which outlines:

- The issue of family and domestic violence and violence prevention.
- Healthy and respectful relationships education in schools.

- **Workshops**

Participants attend two workshops. There is approximately a six-month gap between workshops to provide schools the time for implementation.

Workshop 1

- Recap the issue.
- Explore best practice principles and practical tools.
- Plan for your school community.

Workshop 2

- Reflect on and share learnings.
- Explore future directions and support.
- Plan for the future.

- **Program support**

Schools will be supported to tailor initiatives to their individual school context and complement the existing curriculum. Support provided includes ongoing email and phone support, engagement via an online forum and access to an online library. Support will be provided by White Ribbon Australia, recognised as an expert in the field of family and domestic violence prevention education, in partnership with local family and domestic violence organisation, Starick.

White Ribbon Australia

[White Ribbon Australia](#) is a not-for-profit charity organisation that works through a primary prevention approach to stop violence against women before it happens. Their approach sees men as central to this, and supports men to work alongside women to demand social change.

Through education, awareness-raising and creative campaigns, prevention programs in schools and workplaces, and community partnerships, White Ribbon Australia highlights the positive role men play in this social movement and supports them to stand up, speak out and act to stop men's violence against women.

Starick

[Starick](#) is a not-for-profit charity organisation that supports women and children escaping domestic and family violence, predominantly in Perth's south-eastern metropolitan region. Starick's core services include:

- operating [two refuges](#) in Perth's south east metropolitan region offering short term accommodation and support to women and their children.
- counselling and domestic violence advocate support at Armadale and Cannington Police Stations
- transitional housing support for women and their children moving out of Starick's refuges
- Safe at Home support to assist women and children to stay safe in their homes following an incident of domestic and family violence.