

# Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program

## Why is the Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program being introduced?

- Respectful relationships is about creating generational change to break the cycle of family and domestic violence and stopping violence before it occurs.
- Respectful relationships education aims to support students with the skills to build future relationships characterised by non-violence, equality, mutual respect and consideration and trust.

## Which organisations will deliver the WA Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program?

- White Ribbon Australia and Starick Services, working closely with the State Government, are partnering to deliver the teaching support program.

## Why were these organisations chosen?

- White Ribbon Australia was chosen because of its extensive expertise in prevention education in addressing family and domestic violence.
- Starick Services is working in partnership with White Ribbon Australia because of its local knowledge and expertise and ability to build ongoing capacity to deliver the program.

## Which schools are participating in the pilot program?

### Primary Schools:

- Koorana Primary School
- Wirrabirra Primary School



- Currambine Primary School
- John Butler Primary College
- Maida Vale Primary School
- Pinjarra Primary School

#### Secondary Schools:

- Belridge Secondary College
- Ballajura Community College
- Swan View Senior High School
- Safety Bay Senior High School

#### **What is the program content?**

- Information about positive and respectful relationships is already part of the Western Australian school curriculum.
- The WA Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program will be tailored to the individual school context and complement the existing curriculum to help:
  - teach students about respectful relationships and family and domestic violence prevention
  - to assist teachers to feel confident to have conversations on this topic with students
  - to assist teachers to safely respond to student disclosures of violence
  - connect staff and students affected by family and domestic violence to appropriate support services, with localised support provided by well established local organisation Starick Services.



### **Will schools and parents be able to opt out of the program?**

- School participation is voluntary.
- Parents can request, in writing to the principal, the withdrawal of their child from activities run as part of the program.

### **Will parents be able to view/provide feedback on the program content?**

- Engaging families and the broader school community is a key part of the program's whole of school approach.
- Parents can request information about the program from their school and give feedback directly to the school, as they can with any part of the curriculum.