



# Bullying No Way National week of action

12-16 August 2024

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This year Mornington Special Developmental School is participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action, 12 to 16 August 2024.

Bullying No Way Week is a commitment being made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention. It gives us an opportunity to connect with students, staff and school communities to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The new hero colour for the campaign is purple – symbolising peace, strength and empowerment to take a stand against bullying behaviour.

The theme for this year's campaign is **Everyone belongs**. This theme highlights the importance of creating a sense of belonging and inclusion for students. We recognise bullying often thrives in environments where individuals feel marginalised or excluded, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that every student feels valued and respected.

“Positive school climates that value diversity and inclusion can foster a sense of belonging and provide a protective factor against negative peer relationships and reduce bullying.” (Australian Education Research Organisation 2023).

For more information about Bullying No Way Week and bullying prevention, visit the [Bullying No Way](#) website.

During the week we will be engaging students in meaningful discussions and activities aimed at promoting empathy, understanding, and respect for diversity. We encourage parents and carers to take this opportunity to have open and honest conversations with their children about the impact of bullying and what they can do if they need support. You can visit the [Bullying No Way website](#) for tips around how to have this discussion.

You can access the school's bullying prevention policy [https://www.mornington.sds.vic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/bullying\\_prevention\\_policy\\_2024.pdf](https://www.mornington.sds.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/bullying_prevention_policy_2024.pdf) to learn more about our process for preventing and responding to bullying.

If you have concerns that your child is being bullied, please contact the school on 03 59 756 111 or email; [mornington.sds@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mornington.sds@education.vic.gov.au) in the first instance. If you believe the behaviour constitutes a crime, or is a serious incident of cyberbullying, please refer to the Bullying No Way website for information on [how to report](#) to other authorities and [access wellbeing help](#).