



BIRDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Birdwood Primary School is a Save the Children Global Peace School, and is a dynamic learning community. We encourage our students to respect and care for one another. We work in partnership with our community, locally and globally. Our mission is to engage, challenge and support our students towards their full potential.



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday the 23rd of June an incident occurred at the high school between two students. The high school made the decision to implement their Invacuation procedures to ensure the safety of all students. Unfortunately this occurred just prior to 3:10pm and when the high school rang to inform us our students had already been dismissed and many were on their way home with parents. Therefore we asked parents to leave the grounds with their children and gathered up the bus students and any still waiting for parents.

As a result of this incident we will be reviewing our procedures and discussing how best to respond to a situation where students have already been dismissed and adding it to our existing policy. Once Governing Council has approved the changes we will update the policy and add it to our website for the school community.

Today I spoke to every class to reassure them that this was a high school incident and that they were safe and to inform them of what actually happened. Two DECD social workers were available across both sites for most of the day and provided support as needed. They also spoke to staff and recommended all teachers and ancillary staff keep to routine and allow children to talk about the incident if necessary.

At the time of the incident the safety of the students at Birdwood Primary was our priority and I would like to thank all of the staff for their support and care of the students.

Regards

Cassie Ackland
Principal