



Balliang East Primary School
'Hands Off' Policy

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Purpose of policy:

- To provide students with a safe learning environment where the risk of harm is minimised and students feel physically and emotionally secure

Definition:

- “Hands Off” refers to all students refraining from deliberately hitting, punching, grabbing, pushing, dragging, tackling, biting, scratching, kicking or touching another student in an annoying or aggressive manner.

Implementation

- At the beginning of each school year, all students will be formally reminded of the “Hands Off” Policy. This policy will be referred to when the school rules are developed with students in Term 1 each year.
- All parents will be made aware of the “Hands Off” Policy via the school newsletter.
- Any student whose actions result in distress to another student, as a result of any of the above ‘Hands Off definitions’ being carried out, will be dealt with in accordance with the ‘Discipline Plan’ and the ‘Student Wellbeing & Engagement Policy’.