

# CHALCOT LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## POLICY: Inclusion and Diversity Policy

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to explain Chalcot Lodge Primary School's commitment to making sure every member of our school community, regardless of their background or personal attributes, is treated with respect and dignity. Chalcot Lodge strives to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive school environment for all students and members of our school community.

### IMPLEMENTATION

Chalcot Lodge PS is committed to creating a school community where all members of our school community are welcomed, accepted and treated equitably and with respect regardless of their backgrounds or personal attributes such as race, language, religious beliefs, gender identity, disability or sexual orientation so that they can participate, achieve and thrive at school.

Chalcot Lodge PS acknowledges and celebrates the diversity of backgrounds and experiences in our school community and we will not tolerate behaviours, language or practices that label, stereotype or demean others.

Chalcot Lodge PS will:

- ensure that all students and members of our school community are treated with respect and dignity
- ensure that students are not discriminated against and where necessary, are accommodated to participate in education and all school activities on the same basis as their peers
- acknowledge and respond to the diverse needs, identities and strengths of all students
- encourage empathy and fairness towards others
- challenge stereotypes that promote prejudicial and biased behaviours and practices
- contribute to positive learning, engagement and wellbeing outcomes for students.

Bullying, harassment and other forms of inappropriate behaviour targeting individuals because of their personal attributes will not be tolerated in our school community. Students who may have experienced or witnessed this type of behaviour are encouraged to speak up and to let their teachers, parents or carers know about those behaviours to ensure that inappropriate behaviour can be addressed.

Chalcot Lodge PS will take appropriate measures, consistent with its Student Wellbeing and Engagement and Bullying policies to respond to discriminatory behaviour or harassment at our school. Students that are involved in bullying or harassing others on the basis of their personal attributes will be supported to understand the impact of their behaviour.

Chalcot Lodge PS also understands that it has a special obligation to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate students with disabilities. A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to assist all students to participate in their education on the same basis as their peers. Reasonable adjustments will be made for students with disabilities through our Student Support Group processes in consultation with the student, their parents or carers, their teachers and if appropriate, their treating practitioners.

## EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed by the Principal in consultation with the Education Policy Committee, every three years, or sooner if required.