

Media Release

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VICTORIAN SCHOOLS SET THE STANDARD ON SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR

The Allan Labor Government is setting clear expectations about the values and behaviours it expects in every Victorian government school.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced a school statement of expectations to be rolled out to every government school to support students, parents and staff to understand the expectation of how best to behave at school.

Titled *'Respectful, Safe, Engaged: Shared expectations to support student behaviour'*, the statement outlines clear student expectations to create a safe, respectful and inclusive school environment where all students and staff can learn, work and thrive.

The statement was developed after the Annual Education State Forum and followed consultation with teachers, principals, parents and education experts. It reflects what the school community need: clear, consistent expectations that everyone can understand and support.

The statement encourages parents and carers to model and support positive behaviours and provides a common language that they can use to talk to school staff and their child, working together to support positive student behaviour.

This builds on the government's \$10.4 million investment in the *Victorian Budget 2025/26* in the School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support program to expand this initiative to over 400 additional schools and compliments the Labor Government's nation leading Respectful Relationships program.

Schools will be supported with a range of online resources and supports for students, parents and carers and school staff regarding wellbeing, behaviour and safety.

The statement can be found here: [Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-safe-engaged-shared-expectations-to-support-student-behaviour)

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"Parents and teachers have told us they want clearer standards for behaviour in our schools, and we've listened."

"When students are respectful and engaged, classrooms are calmer and students can focus on learning."

"This statement gives families and schools a shared understanding of expectations, so we can work together to support every child to succeed."