

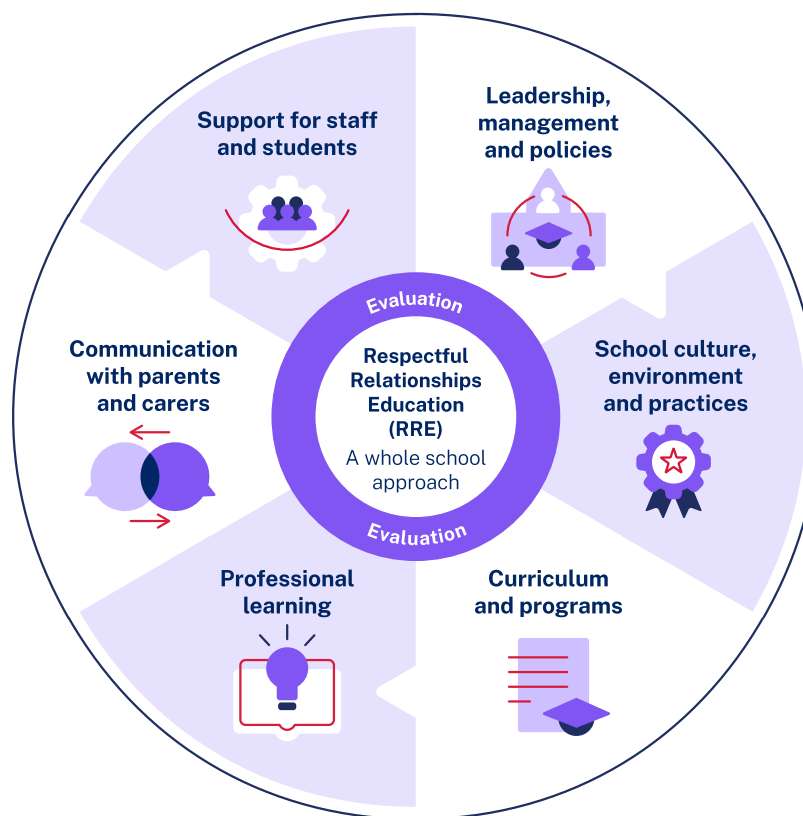
Information for school leaders

Respectful Relationships Education

The Department's Respectful Relationships Education (RRE) Program supports NSW public schools to implement a sustainable, whole school approach to respectful relationships education.

This approach embeds gender equality and respect in school culture, curriculum and practice. The program will provide your school with:

- professional learning for leaders and staff
- frameworks and tools for whole school implementation of respectful relationships education
- K-12 curriculum resources aligned to NESA syllabus content addressing consent, power, abuse, respect and relationships
- specialised support from the RRE team for school based implementation.



A whole school approach to RRE embeds 6 components:

leadership, management and policies, school culture, environment and practices, curriculum and programs, professional learning, communication with parents and carers, and support for staff and students.

Access the [Respectful Relationships Education website](#) for resources, professional learning and best practice examples.

For additional support, contact the Respectful Relationships Education team email: RRE-Schools@det.nsw.edu.au



Whole school considerations

Before implementing RRE, consider how your school will:

- foster, model and explicitly teach respectful relationships
- apply relevant policies and procedures to build and maintain a respectful culture
- build staff capacity through targeted professional learning
- allocate resources, including
 - time for staff to engage with professional learning
 - budget for implementation supports
 - review of existing complementary resources and programs.
 - integrate RRE into current school initiatives such as

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and Social-emotional Learning (SEL) programs

- anti-bullying programs
- behaviour management plans and restorative practices
- school planning and improvement processes.

Curriculum opportunities

Respectful Relationships Education is a mandatory part of the NSW Education Standards Authority Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) K–10 Syllabus and continues through the mandatory Life Ready course in Years 11–12.

The curriculum provides evidence-based, age-appropriate content addressing:

- consent and personal boundaries
- challenging gender stereotypes and promoting equality
- understanding power in relationships
- online safety, including issues like image-based abuse
- effective communication strategies
- building respectful relationships in all contexts.

You can also embed RRE concepts across other learning areas including:

- Creative Arts (Drama, Dance, Visual Arts)
- English
- HSIE (Society and Culture, Legal Studies)

Professional learning opportunities

We provide professional learning to build capacity across your school.

- Leader professional learning includes sessions on applying a gender lens, creating inclusive cultures, and planning for whole-school change.
- Teacher professional learning focuses on the RRE curriculum to build deep understanding of concepts and effective pedagogy.
- Our Respectful Relationships Education website is a central repository supporting leaders, teachers and school staff to access new resources, professional learning and system based expertise to:
 - embed a whole-school approach to RRE in schools
 - deliver age-appropriate, curriculum aligned and evidence-based learning in RRE
 - directly address drivers of gender-based violence and support students with lived experience
 - communicate with parents and carers on the importance of RRE
 - foster school communities that are respectful and promote gender equality.

Related frameworks & policies

- NSW Domestic and Family Violence Plan 2022–2027
- NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022–2027
- Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024–2028
- National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032
- Child Protection: responding to and reporting students at risk of harm policy
- Controversial issues in schools procedure

Visit the [Respectful Relationships Education website](#) for more information and resources.

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