

Letter to parents and carers regarding conflict in the Middle East

Name of school

Dear parents and carers

At our school we value the cultural diversity of our school community and promote respect and understanding of diverse perspectives and world views. With the recent escalation in the Middle East conflict, I would like to reassure you that our school strives to provide a safe and supportive environment for students, staff and families from all backgrounds.

Our thoughts are with any member of our community who may be impacted by the conflict.

Anxiety about the conflict may trigger strong emotions and expressions of views among students who have affected family or friends or links to the region. Our staff are aware of this and are sensitive to the feelings and reactions of students. Please be assured that any discussions, topics or student behaviour matters which may arise in relation to the conflict will be handled fairly and with care. Counselling and wellbeing support is available and students who are worried or upset are encouraged to talk to the school counsellor or their teachers.

We ask that you talk to your children at home about any concerns they may have at this time and remind them that our school is a safe space which promotes respect for all people. Please contact the school if you have any concerns so that we may work together to ensure that all our students feel safe and well supported.

If you need an interpreter, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and they will get an interpreter on the line to help you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting a positive and respectful learning environment at our school.

Name of principal