

Bullying Student Engagement

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Bullystoppers

A resource for Victorian parents, students and school staff to work together to help put a stop to bullying.

Email: bnw.website@qed.qld.gov.au
Website: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

More information and support

Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. (VAEAI) represents the Koorie Community in relation to education policy development and strategic programming at the local, state and national levels. You can contact our Marrung Facilitators directly here;

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Reporting Racism

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How to Report Racism

1

Report to your school.

Report incidents to your school if your child:

- has been the target of racial discrimination or abuse.
- has seen others experience racism or religious discrimination.

Your school is obligated to take appropriate action and provide support.

2

Contact the Report Racism Hotline

Report the incident to the Report Racism hotline if you are:

- not comfortable reporting to the school.
- not happy with the school's response.

The **Report Racism hotline** is available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) on **1800 722 476**.

In an **emergency**, contact Victoria Police on **000**.

If your concern is **non-urgent** but you would like to contact the police, call **131 444**.

3

Contact the Report Racism Hotline

Write to the department's Report racism line via email at **report.racism@education.vic.gov.au**

Contact Counselling and Support through Parentline

Contact Parentline to get support from a qualified counsellor. Parentline is available 8am to midnight, 7 days a week (including public holidays) on **13 22 89**.

Parent Complaints

Parent complaints are best managed at the local school level.

When a parent is not satisfied with the outcome achieved with the school, they may contact the regional office. Parents have an additional opportunity for resolution by contacting the Department's central office, if they remain unsatisfied with the outcome or resolution achieved at the regional office.

Schools must develop their own local complaints policy. The **Minimum Standards for School Registration** require all schools to have evidence of their local policy and procedures in relation to complaints.

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