

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS TEACHES HARMFUL MESSAGES

VICTORIA
LEVEL 1-2
(6-8 years old)

What is the school based program promoting 'respect' really teaching?

*Parents are bad,
school is safe*

Parents are the cause of **problems**

Other **children** (not parents) can **help**




“ He didn't like to tell his mum because his mum might get cross².”






Why it matters:

Adult in scenario that causes child's problems

People in activities that can help child

Strong family connections are key to child safety and wellbeing¹

Parent 
Teacher  

Parent  
other children   

“ He didn't like to tell his dad, in case he said bad things about his mum³.”

Boys are violent, girls are victims

Boys shown as perpetrators

Girls shown as victims

Why it matters:

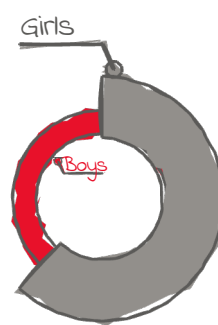
Positive portrayals of boys and girls are important for self-esteem

Children shown as perpetrators of physical violence to other children



Perpetrators

Children shown as victims of violence from other children



Victims

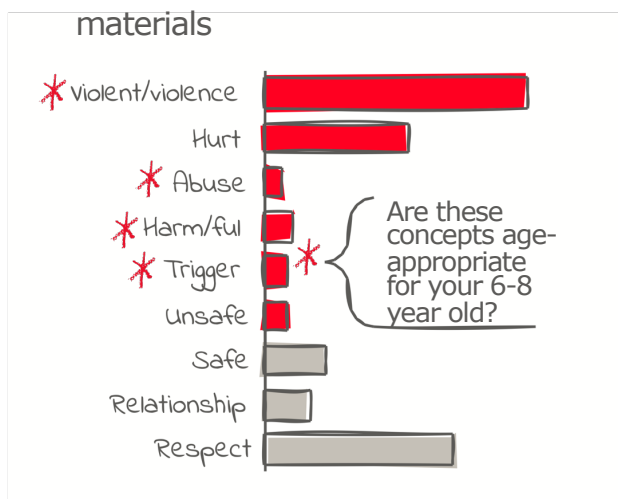
Expect violence

Word count in Level 1-2 materials


All children become 'victims'... real victims are minimised

Why it matters:

Emphasis on violence increases fear and reduces resilience



Respectful Relationships teaches children that the following are violence:

-  hurting others
-  saying mean things
-  hurting people's feelings
-  ignoring people
-  leaving people out
-  teasing
-  name calling
-  yelling

TAKE ACTION

YOU ARE THE EXPERT ON YOUR CHILD



Look

at the content your child is taught



Set

boundaries for teaching your child



Tell

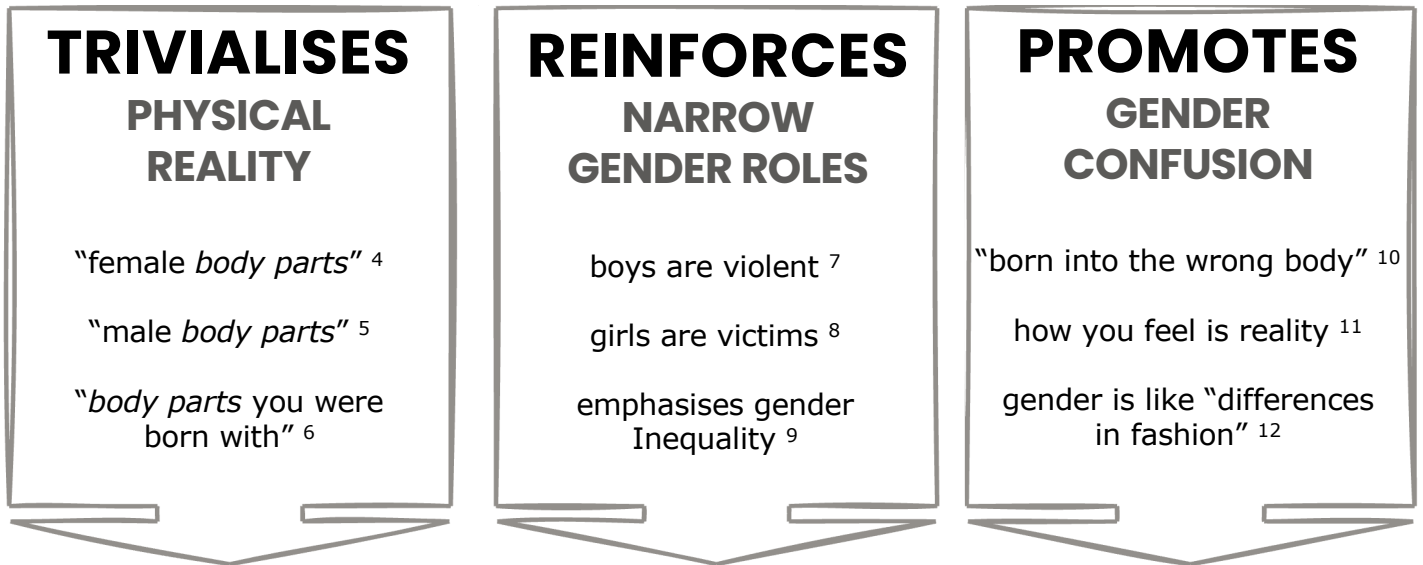
school which content is off limits for your child

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Respectful Relationships **distorts sex and gender**



- reduces the importance of physical bodies to isolated & unimportant parts that become optional
- presents 'born in the wrong body' as a simple solution to body discomfort
- creates confusion around sex & gender roles and societal expectations



Creates gender confusion and shame



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS **BEHIND THE LABELS**

Respectful Relationships promotes an **agenda**¹³ aimed at **disrupting**¹⁴ cultural **norms**¹⁵ and **shaping young minds**¹⁶ to fit an **activist vision of change**¹⁷

Respectful Relationships impacts all Victorian Children

 **1,950+ schools**

Government, Catholic and independent schools have signed on to the whole school Respectful Relationships program

100% OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Respectful Relationships Progress¹⁸



Children and young people in schools are a **mass and captive audience**

- Respectful Relationships Education Victoria (2009)¹⁹

Respectful Relationships is a wide-scale **social experiment**

- * There is **no evidence** that Respectful Relationships Education **reduces violent behaviour**²⁰
- * There is **evidence** that violence prevention programs can **increase perpetration and victimisation rates**²¹