

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS TEACHES HARMFUL MESSAGES

VICTORIA
LEVEL 5-6
(10-12 years old)

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

Parents are bad, school is safe

Why it matters:

Strong family connections are key to child safety and wellbeing¹

Teachers help more than parents

Adult in activities that can help

Parent 

Teacher 

Parents are the cause of **problems**

Adult in scenarios that causes child's problem

Parent 

Teacher 

Dads are **especially bad**

Portrayals of fathers



■ Violent ■ Negative

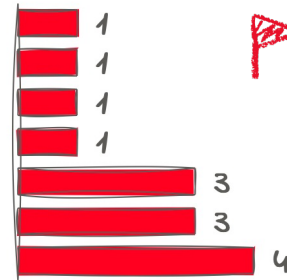
Not too young for explicit content

Why it matters:

Exposing children to content and concepts before they are ready is harmful

Content included in learning activities for 10-12 year olds:

Romantic relationships
Drug use as a coping strategy
Self-harm mentions
Suicide mentions
Sexual violence/assault
Sexual attraction
Role play pornography exposure



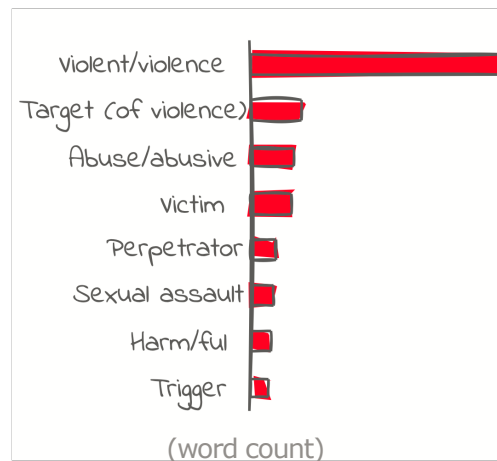
Are these appropriate for your 10-12 year old?

Expect violence

Why it matters:

Emphasis on violence increases fear and reduces resilience

Concepts of violence in Level 5-6 materials



Boys are stigmatised, girls are victimised



Children shown as victims of physical violence from other children



Children shown as perpetrators of physical violence to other children

TAKE ACTION

YOU ARE THE EXPERT ON YOUR CHILD



Look

at the content your child is taught



Set

boundaries for teaching your child



Tell

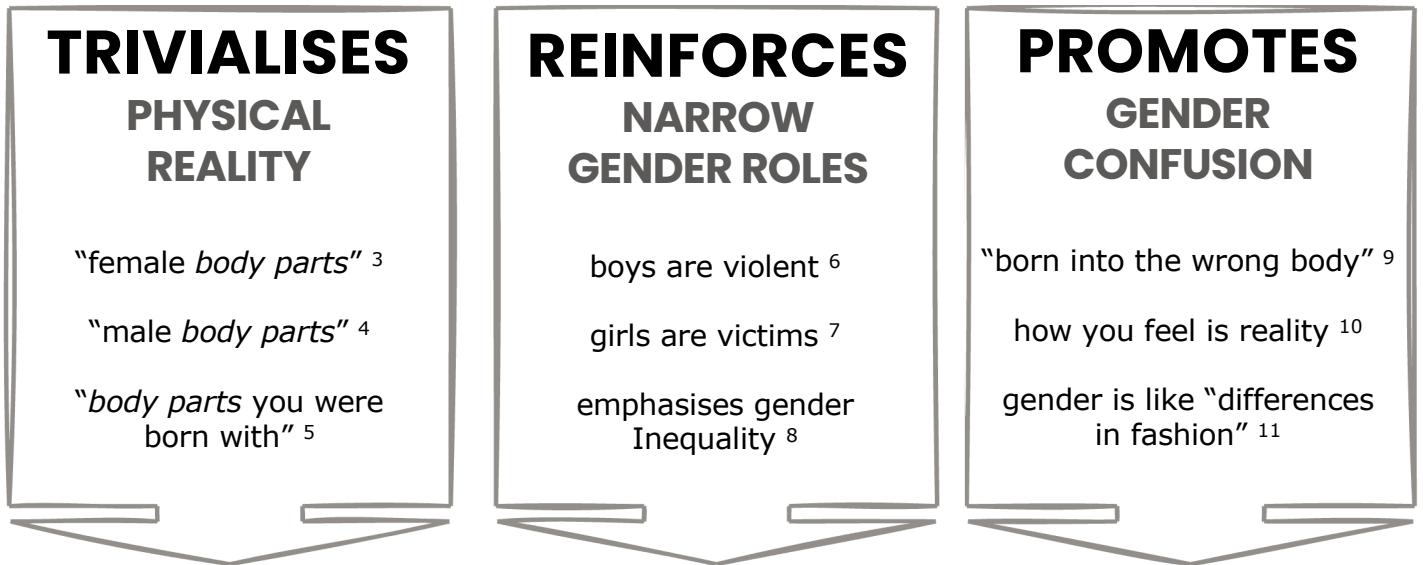
school which content is off limits for your child


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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**
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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS **BEHIND THE LABELS**

Respectful Relationships promotes an **agenda**¹² aimed at **disrupting**¹³ cultural **norms**¹⁴ and **shaping young minds**¹⁵ to fit an **activist vision of change**¹⁶

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 Progress¹⁷



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

- Respectful Relationships Education Victoria (2009)¹⁸

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

- * There is **no evidence** that Respectful Relationships Education **reduces violent behaviour**¹⁹
- * There is **evidence** that violence prevention programs can **increase perpetration and victimisation rates**²⁰