

# Respectful Relationships and Consent Education in Tasmanian Government Schools

## FAQs - Families and Community

### 1. What is Respectful Relationships and Consent Education (RRCE)?

RRCE is about supporting your child to have the skills and confidence to build healthy and respectful relationships.

Evidence tells us that teaching RRCE is a very effective way to prevent future family violence and violence against people because of their gender.

RRCE is also (previously) referred to as Respectful Relationships Education. We have included 'consent' in the title as consent education is an important component of respectful relationships.

### 2. Is RRCE part of the regular curriculum?

Yes. In Tasmanian Government schools, RRCE content about equality and healthy relationships is included in what we teach and the way we teach.

It is mostly taught within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum for students in Prep to Year 10, but can be taught through many other learning areas too.

### 3. What topics does RRCE cover?

RRCE covers topics that aim to build student skills in:

- Building healthy and respectful relationships
- Understanding consent
- Addressing attitudes that lead to gender-based violence
- Sexuality education
- Protective behaviours and how to seek help.

RRCE is not about encouraging sexual behaviours or pushing any specific beliefs or values. It does not encourage students to question their gender identity or sexual orientation, nor does it intend to blame or shame a particular gender.

### 4. Is RRCE age-appropriate?

Yes. RRCE resources are designed to be age-appropriate and curriculum-aligned.

They have been developed, and are regularly reviewed, by experts in the field in consultation with young people and families.

Our teachers understand which parts of RRCE suit each age group, and how they can best encourage respectful relationships in their classes every day.

## 5. Does RRCE teach or promote specific gender ideologies?

RRCE does not aim to teach or promote a particular gender ideology. It focuses on building respectful relationships for all and understanding consent.

DECYP actively opposes any form of discrimination and RRCE is delivered in line with the DECYP's inclusion and diversity policies.

## 6. How are schools supported in delivering RRCE?

Schools receive:

- Comprehensive teaching resources
- Access to professional opportunities to learn and build their skills
- Flexibility to deliver RRCE in a way that suits their school community's needs
- Support from a dedicated Project Officer
- Access to external expertise.

## 7. Can I opt my child out of RRCE?

As RRCE is part of the core curriculum, it's expected all students will participate. However, if you have concerns it's best to discuss these with the school directly.

## 8. How can I learn more about what my child is learning in RRCE?

The best place to start is to talk to your child's school to find out more about how RRCE works.

You can also see the resources being used at:

<https://respectfulrelationships.education.tas.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/>

## 9. Are external organisations involved in RRCE?

Some schools choose to engage external community organisations to complement what is learned through RRCE.

These may include organisations that specialise in consent education, sexual health, or child safety. It is up to individual schools to make this decision based on their needs.

## 10. What if I have concerns about RRCE?

RRCE is designed to help create a safer, more respectful society for everyone. By teaching these important skills and concepts, we're working towards preventing gender-based violence and promoting healthy relationships for all.

If you have concerns about RRCE, the first step is to contact your child's school.

Should your concerns not be addressed after contacting the school, you can contact DECYP via the [complaint management process](#).