Rationale:

Leadership and staff acknowledge the importance of a safe and inclusive environment, which supports the sexual health and wellbeing. The promotion of sexual health is a responsibility shared between parents, schools, the local health and welfare community.

Aims:

- As a health promoting school, we will promote respectful relationships and the health and wellbeing of students, staff and families through learning, policies, creating a safe and healthy physical and social environment, and developing community links and partnerships.
- Learning and teaching in sexuality education will be offered to Gembrook Primary School students and families.

Definitions:

**Sexual health:** A state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality; it is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction or infirmity. Sexual health requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences that are free of coercion, discrimination and violence. For sexual health to be attained and maintained, the sexual rights of all persons must be respected, protected and fulfilled.

**Resilience:** The ability to bounce back from adversity in order to lead a healthy and fulfilling life.

**Social and emotional competence:** The ability to recognise and manage emotions, develop caring and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships and handle challenging situations capably.

Implementation:

- The school provides a welcoming and inclusive environment, which reflects the diversity and interests of the students, families and staff.
- School staff are proactive in ensuring an environment that is free of homophobia and transphobia, and safe and affirming for all students.
- Staff and families recognise that they are role models and demonstrate respectful relationships and inclusive behaviour.
- Age-appropriate sexuality education is offered to students and families.
- Families are recognised as key partners in sexuality education and are encouraged to contribute to the sexuality education program.
Gembrook Primary School will work with local health professionals, services and other organisations deliver sexuality education and sexual health, wellbeing and diversity initiatives.

**Evaluation:**

Gembrook Primary School students are safe at school and the school meets its duty of care to all students.

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