School respectful relationships education commitment statement

**<SCHOOL NAME> is committed to implementing a whole-of-school approach to respectful relationships education.**

We recognise that our school is more than a place for young people to learn, our school is also a workplace where all staff deserve to feel respected, safe and valued. <School name> also recognises that it is an important hub in the community and has the opportunity to lead, influence and contribute to a healthy, safe and respectful community culture, inside and outside the school.

**We understand that:**

* gender stereotypes and gender inequality are one of the leading contributors to family violence
* our school can generate lasting changes, as a form of primary prevention, in young people’s attitudes and behaviours today, which can then contribute to addressing family violence.

**As part of this commitment:**

* We all actively promote gender equality and speak out against gender-based violence in our school and in our community in accordance with our school-wide positive behaviour framework.
* School leaders will provide sufficient resourcing, both financial and time, to the implementation of a whole-of-school approach to respectful relationships education.
* We enable student voice and agency in promoting equality.
* All school staff participate in professional learning to build capacity to:
  + plan and implement a whole-of-school approach to promote respectful relationships education
  + deliver respectful relationships curriculum on an ongoing and consistent basis across all year levels
  + enable collaborative interactions to support social change
  + identify and respond appropriately to suspicions, disclosures and incidents of family violence and provide support to impacted school community members.
* Our school will undertake an ongoing, thorough assessment and planning process to identify gaps and limitations in existing culture, policies and practices in gender equality.
* Our school utilises and improves mechanisms for staff, students and families to provide feedback on equality in the workplace/school.
* Our school will identify and use funding and other appropriate resources to implement key actions to promote gender equality and prevent gender-based violence.
* Our school commits to continual improvement and evaluation of respectful relationships education.
* The school will reflect on progress at regular intervals to celebrate success with the school community.

Signed:

**Principal**

Date:

**School Council President/Chair**

Date:

**Student Representative Council**

Date: