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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS REACHES MORE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy today announced that Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School in Point Cook will implement the Respectful Relationships program.

The program has already been implemented in all government schools, and this new intake means 384 non-government schools have chosen to implement Respectful Relationships, bringing the total up to 1,951 schools across Victoria now delivering this vital education program.

The Respectful Relationships program acquits a key recommendation of the Labor Government's Royal Commission into Family Violence, helping schools promote respect, positive attitudes, and behaviours in all aspects of their culture – in the classroom, the playground, the staff room and the broader school community.

The Government has invested \$82 million into the program to support schools to implement the initiative, which also teaches children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence – producing compassionate, respectful young adults from Victorian schools.

From Term 2 this year, the teaching of consent in a sensitive and age-appropriate way is mandatory in all government schools.

The Victorian Curriculum requires schools to teach the focus areas of relationships, sexuality, and safety. Mandating the teaching of consent is bringing focus to this critical issue.

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy

“Respectful Relationships makes a difference in shaping the attitudes of young people - and we're thrilled to see more non-government schools like the wonderful Lumen Christi in Point Cook implementing the program.”

Quote attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

“We know that attitudes on gender equality are formed young – and this key recommendation from the Royal Commission into Family Violence will ensure all Victorian kids develop good attitudes towards inclusion and diversity.”