WE WANT TO MAKE CUMMINS AREA SCHOOL A PLACE FREE OF HARASSMENT & DISCRIMINATION

Harassment is when someone makes you feel embarrassed, hurt, uncomfortable, afraid or upset. This may happen when others......

- take your personal property
- call you names you don't like
- Bully you
- Write graffiti/notes about you
- make reference to your clothing, ability, family
- make deliberate physical contact
- practical jokes
- make unwanted sounds
- put-downs and teasing

It may be racial, sexual, verbal or physical harassment......

It is **NOT** okay if these things are

- UNWANTED
- ⇒ UNWELCOME / UNINVITED
- ⇒ REPEATED/PERSISTENT
- ⇒ OFFENSIVE/ABUSIVE

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



You have the right.....

...and responsibility to take action when harassment happens.

- 1. Make an assertive statement. "When you_____, I feel____. Please stop."

 If effective, the harassment stops. If harassment continues.......
- 2. Tell a friend. Have the friend be with you when you make another assertive request.
 - If effective, the harassment stops. If harassment continues......
- 3. Either with a friend or alone, tell an adult.
 - Ask them to help you plan the action to take. If effective, the harassment stops. If harassment continues....
- 4. Report back to the adult who will take formal action with the harasser.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE

All students and staff are expected to behave in a sensitive, courteous, considerate and respectful manner when dealing with other students and staff.

If you wish to talk to someone about this please discuss it with a teacher or the School Chaplain.

Remember that if all people involved with the action (student and/or teacher) accept the behaviour as okay then it is not harassment.