# Anti-Bullying Rapid Review

Keeping students safe at school

A text-only Easy Read version

H**ow t**o use this document

We are the Australian Government Department of Education.

We wrote this document.

We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page [7](#_Word_list).

You can ask someone you trust for support to:

* read this document
* find more information.

This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

It only includes the most important ideas.

You can find more information on our website.

[www.education.gov.au/antibullying-rapid-review](http://www.education.gov.au/antibullying-rapid-review)

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## What is the Anti-Bullying Rapid Review?

**Bullying** is when someone keeps saying or doing something to try to make you feel bad.

The Anti-Bullying Rapid Review will check:

* how schools respond to bullying
* what causes bullying in schools
* what is working well
* what needs to work better.

We just call it the review.

Education **Ministers** will use ideas from the review to find out how schools can better manage bullying in a similar way.

A minister leads an area of the government.

2 experts will run the review, they are:

* Dr Charlotte Keating
* Dr Jo Robinson AM.

## Why do we need the review?

Bullying is bad for a student’s:

* wellbeing
* **mental health**.

Your mental health is about how you:

* think and feel about yourself
* deal with things in your life
* manage your feelings.

This includes bullying that happens online.

Bullying makes students not want to go to school.

Bullying can affect a student’s life for a long time.

For example, a student might:

* stop taking part in community activities
* find it harder to get a job and earn money.

Bullying can make a student’s health worse during their life.

This includes their mental health and physical health.

## Who will the review hear from?

Different groups in the community will have their say during the review.

This includes:

* students
* parents and carers
* schools
* teachers.

This also includes:

* organisations who work with school communities
* different parts of the government, like state and territory governments.

## How can you take part in the review?

You can have your say and take part in the review:

* online
* in a letter or email.

You don’t need to include your name or other details to take part in the review.

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## Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.

Bullying

Bullying is when someone keeps saying or doing something to try to make you feel bad.

Mental health

Your mental health is about how you:

* think and feel about yourself
* deal with things in your life
* manage your feelings.

Ministers

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