

## Your right to a fair go at school

### A fair go for everyone

This means that children and adults must be fair to you, and you must be fair to other children and adults.

You mustn't give someone a hard time or tease them because you don't like them or you think they're different. For example, you must not call someone names because they look or talk differently from you. Calling other children or adults names like sissy, poofta, wog, or spazzo is offensive and is unfair. You must be fair to everyone. Treat people how you want to be treated.

### Do I have any responsibilities?

Yes. Just as you have the legal right to be treated fairly, so does everyone else. This means that it's against the law for you to discriminate against or harass anyone else in the situations listed on the side. This includes other students, their parents and teachers.

It's always best to treat others how you would like to be treated. Sometimes you might think that you're only teasing someone when in fact you are really hurting them. Don't be pressured into doing something you know is wrong just because our friends are doing it. If you disagree with someone because they're different from you, try to think before you speak or act. It would be a boring world if everyone was the same! People have more to offer if you try to understand them instead of making judgements. You probably have more in common with people from different backgrounds than you think.

The most important thing to remember is that just as you have the right to expect a fair go from other people, they have the right to expect a fair go from you, too.

*We have rights and responsibilities.  
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