

National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Working Group

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The National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Working Group met for the fourth time on Tuesday, 12 September 2023. The meeting was chaired by Patty Kinnersly, Our Watch, with attendance from expert members and representatives from the Australian and state and territory governments, the National Catholic Education Commission, and Independent Schools Australia.

The fourth meeting provided members with the opportunity to participate in a presentation from Monash University Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre regarding the preliminary findings of the rapid review into respectful relationships education delivery in schools. In addition, members were provided with an update on the development of the National Respectful Relationships Education Framework, and progress made to engage with stakeholders on the development of the framework through the consultation workshops.

Members were joined by Emeritus Professor Helen Cahill, Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne, who gave a presentation which included an overview of findings from implementation research investigating school uptake of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program in 40 Victorian schools.

The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for Friday, 27 October 2023.