

EREA Global Classroom Partners' Child Safety Overview 2023



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Overview

The EREBB Global Classroom Partners Program links classrooms from around the world to learn from, with and about each other, while exploring some of the world's most pressing issues. Groups of students (with their teacher) undertake two lessons and have two video conferences with a global classroom partner. These connections are facilitated to ensure deep dialogue can occur and are based around the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This takes place in an environment in which the safety, wellbeing and participation of all children and young people are paramount.

EREA's Commitment to Child Safety

Central to the mission of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) is the safety and wellbeing of all children, young people and adults enrolled in our schools (students). The Trustees of Edmund Rice Education Australia (TEREA) are committed to fostering a robust culture of safety across all the entities and schools that comprise our educational mission. We have zero tolerance of child abuse and require that all allegations and safety concerns regarding our students are taken seriously and robustly investigated.

At all times TEREA is committed to acting in the best interests of the children, young people and adults enrolled in our schools and those that they link with as part of the Global Classroom Partners program.

Every aspect of the Global Classroom Partners program has been designed with the safety of participants in mind. It is the responsibility of every person involved with Global Classroom Partners to make our dialogue space safe and empowering for all young people.

What is Safeguarding at EREA?

The EREA Trustees and the various EREA Entity Boards are ultimately responsible for ensuring that EREA is a safe environment for children and adults. All EREA schools are required to implement and enact the relevant jurisdictional and National Child Safe standards including but not limited to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, the NSW Child Safe Standards and the Victorian Child Safe Standards. Each EREA entity has dedicated Child Safety and Safeguarding staff who are directly accountable to their CEO.

Overall Requirements: Global Classroom Partners Child Safety


- Teachers are briefed about child safety requirements as part of induction to program
- A Risk Assessment has been completed for the program
- Teachers are reminded that they are responsible to ensure that all Child Safety policies and guidelines for their jurisdiction are adhered to as part of the program
- The videoconferences only occur if a teacher is present with the students

Practical Requirements: Global Classroom Partners Child Safety

- Ensure waiting room is enabled and mute upon entry.
- Teachers have control as to who can join video conferences.
- Enable teachers to be co-hosts so they can mute and remove people.
- Turn off chat function between individuals (set it to 'chat with everyone')
- Students are required to change their Zoom name to first name and school name only (no surnames)
- The personal details of students are not collected and therefore not shared with anybody.
- Students are required not to share email address/phones number or social media account details.
- Students are requested to not take screen shots.
- As co-hosts, teachers have the ability to shut down a video conference if there is inappropriate behaviour or an unwanted guest.
- It is the responsibility of the teacher in charge to take immediate action with regards to any child safety incident involving their students, as part of the Global Classroom Partners program.

REPORTING CONCERNS

Any concerns about child safety and wellbeing associated with the Global Classroom Partners program should be communicated to the local Child Safety Authority, the EREA Director of Global Engagement (+61 7 3737 6715) or by emailing safeguarding@erea.edu.au.



Your concern will be directed to the appropriate Child Safety Officer.