## **Anti-Bullying Policy Statement**

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved including bystanders.

Through 'living' our core values we endeavour to make Loxton High a safe and caring school where it is unacceptable for anyone to bully another.

We encourage bullying to be reported to Home Group Teachers and Student Counsellors.

We commit to processes to support and empower the victim of bullying and to educate the bully.

Persistent bullying may be responded to through behaviour learning consequences to reinforce our zero tolerance toward this unacceptable behaviour.