

## GROOMING BEHAVIOUR

Grooming behavior is a process where adults build rapport and relationships with children or young persons in order to reduce their resistance to, and increase compliance with, sexual abuse.

Examples of this behavior include:

- a) Slowly building relationships with students on the basis that they are 'special' including inappropriately giving gifts, showing special favours, spending inappropriate time with students, allowing students to overstep accepted school rules.
- b) Engaging in sexualized conduct with students for example, undressing in front of students, talking about sex, apparently accidental touching, allowing students to sit on their lap, displaying pornographic material.
- c) Engaging in inappropriate, personalized forms of communication, including inappropriate conversations of a sexual nature, inappropriate expression of feelings towards student.