Managing Challenging Behaviours —
By Teaching and Rewarding Positive Behaviours

A brochure to help understand how children learn positive behaviours.
Cromehurst School is a Special School for students with intellectual disabilities. We teach the students to behave appropriately and all students are expected to follow our school expectations.

Cromehurst staff use these words to remind our students of the correct behaviours and reward them for achieving these expectations.

Cromehurst students are familiar with these expectations and understand when they are spoken to or being praised using these words with signs and visuals.

At school, staff teach the students what it means to Learn Together.

- Take turns and share
- Do your best
- Have a go
- Listen
- Work with others

The students learn to Be Friendly by understanding social rules and expectations.

- Cheer for others
- Appropriate Space
- Play together
- Be Polite

It is important to our students to learn to Be Safe across all different environments.

- Right Place, Right time
- Making good choices
- Ask for Help
- Follow instructions

Cromehurst staff explicitly teach these points, showing students what it looks like to e.g. Be Safe in all environments. They also use them in their daily routines and lessons to promote and practise these expectations.

The school expectations are not only useful for learning appropriate behaviours at school. They are also very relevant to the students at home and in the community.

It is important for our students to understand what it means to Learn Together at home; to Be Friendly when they are with friends and to Be Safe in the community when they go out with their families or other people. Reinforcing these expectations across all environments assists our students in learning social rules and appropriate behaviours in our society.

It may take some students longer periods of time to understand these teaching points and expectations, but visuals, repetition, verbal praise for positive behaviour and firmness in enforcing the expectations across all environments has proven to be beneficial to our students.

We strongly encourage everyone who works with our students to promote these valuable expectations everywhere they go!