‘Respect needs to be earned’ is a commonly used phrase. However, at Child Side School respect is not something to be earned but something we encourage and expect every child and adult to show each other. This includes talking through conflicts whether perceived or real, being polite and using manners, helping out when someone looks stressed, hurt or simply overwhelmed.

It is not only respect for others but also respect for property, the environment, authority and most importantly ones self. These are not just ideals but encouraged and practiced approaches at Child Side School.

We are however only human and there are times when we do not treat others with respect. When this happens we encourage and expect each individual to recognise these times, and make a conscious decision to apologise for the inappropriate behaviour. In doing this we make a conscious choice to take responsibility for our behaviour.

As such it is only natural that we recently joined the growing community of Choose Respect, which is shown by our new sign at the school entrance. Child Side School is located off Armstrong Road in Boyanup, check out our website for more information: (www.childsideschool.wa.edu.au).

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