



**Sacred Heart Catholic School is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. Sacred Heart is committed to the cultural safety of all children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to provide a safe environment for children with a disability and/or vulnerable children, allowing these children to participate equally.**

**We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. This encompasses all school environments and outside of school hours.**

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## **STANDARD ONE**

Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.

- At Sacred Heart we keep students safe through and know that everyone has a responsibility for this. It is making sure there are rules that need to be followed.

## **STANDARD TWO**

Organisations must have a child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety.

- Our school must have rules that keep our students safe. Every person is responsible for following the written rules about child safety.

## **STANDARD THREE**

Organisations must have a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.

- Any person who enters the school must agree to the school rules to keep students safe. The school must have clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with students.

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## **STANDARD FOUR**

Organisations must have screening, supervision, training and other human resource practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.

- Staff and volunteers need to be aware of the importance of child safety. The school needs to make sure old and new staff know the updated child safety rules.

## **STANDARD FIVE**

Organisations must have processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.

- Our school must have ways to report any body being hurt or unsafe.

## **STANDARD SIX**

Organisations must have strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.

- Our school must have a place where students can go to report when they feel things are not right.
- Our school provides opportunities for students to communicate when they feel unsafe. They also learn to problem solve and discuss concerns and worries.

## **STANDARD SEVEN**

Organisations must have strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

- Our school must have ways for students to speak up and share their feelings.

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