

How will the school help my Child?

The Principal will ensure that the following things are done to reduce the chance of harm occurring to your child:

- Ensuring that each staff member understands and fulfils their obligations under the Policy and the procedures for reporting abuse.
- Ensure that an adequate referee checks of all staff members is carried out prior to employment.
- Ensure that each staff member and volunteer (as required by the Commission of Young People Act 2000) who has contact with your child/ren has a current positive suitability notice (Blue Card).

If the Principal receives a report of harm to your child, he/she will support the Child by:

- Responding rapidly and diligently to the report,
- Reassuring the student,
- Protecting the child's confidentiality as much as possible,
- Offering continuous support and
- Providing counselling if requested.

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Bundaberg Christian College

Child Protection Policy

Parent Information Brochure



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Information Brochure for Parents

This brochure is designed to explain the Student Protection Policy at Bundaberg Christian College.

Our College recognises that protecting students from harm and the risk of harm is fundamental to maximising their personal and academic potential.

For this reason the welfare and best interests of the children within our College will always be our primary consideration. We expect our students to show respect to our staff and volunteers and to comply with safe practises. We also expect all employees to ensure that their behaviour towards, and relationship with students reflect proper standards of care for students, and are not unlawful.

The College will respond diligently to a report of suspected or actual harm, or risk of harm to a student.

What does the College mean by Harm?

Recent Queensland legislation defines harm as:

- Any detrimental effect of a significant nature on the child's physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing. It is immaterial how the harm is caused.
- Physical, psychological or emotional abuse or neglect.
- Sexual abuse or exploitation
- Domestic or family violence.

How does the College protect students from harm?

The College has a comprehensive Child Protection Policy which covers the actions to be taken if a member of staff or a parent of the College becomes aware or reasonably suspects that harm has been done to a student of the College by other staff, people outside the College or by other students.

Your concerns should be reported to the Principal, Child Protection Officers, Head of Secondary or the Head of Primary. These concerns will be treated confidentially and dealt with in the appropriate manner.

The College's complete BCC Child Protection Policy is available from the College Office. Parents and students have access to this policy at any time. You may also make an appointment to discuss the policy with the Principal if you wish to clarify any matter.

STUDENT PROTECTION:
EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE