



Child Safeguarding Commitment Statement

St John's Catholic College is a safe, connected, learning community for local, boarding and international students. We strive for excellence and ensure the holistic development of each student through a balanced approach to faith, academic, sporting and cultural activities.

"Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right."

Psalm 106:3 (NIV)

As such:

The St John's Catholic College Community is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all young people. We seek to uphold the dignity of all and commit to fostering safe and supportive relationships. Therefore the College has zero tolerance towards any action or omission that causes harm (emotional, physical, sexual, spiritual or neglect) to any young person.

The St John's Catholic College Community is committed to providing an environment where young people are safe, feel safe and empowered; and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. We take into account the needs of all young people, paying particular attention to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Islander young people, young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of young people with a disability or vulnerability.

Every person involved with the St John's Catholic College Community has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

St John's Catholic College is committed to being a child safe organization and therefore has specific policies, procedures and training in place to achieve this commitment.

Therefore we will:

- Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
- Value and empower children and young people to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
- Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm towards children and young people;
- Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
- Have specific policies and procedures and training in place to support all staff to achieve these commitments;
- Engage robust recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers;
- Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly, as required by legislation to the appropriate authorities;
- Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of young people are at risk;
- Communicate regularly with families and carers; and
- Take seriously all allegations of harm and safety concerns.


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