

A Child Safe School

Our school holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility. Central to the mission of our Catholic school is an absolute commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Child Safe Standard 2

Organisation's leaders focus on keeping children safe and well. Organisations have processes to find, avoid, and stop risks of child abuse or harm.

Your organisation must:

- make a **public commitment** to child safety. This means that you let the community know that child safety is important to your organisation
- have a **Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy**. This is a document that explains how your organisation keeps children safe
- make sure that everyone in the organisation promotes child safety
- have a written **Code of Conduct** for staff and volunteers. This is a document that explains to staff how to behave around children and what is not OK
- document about how you find, avoid, and stop risks to children
- make sure that staff understand how to share information and keep records about child safety.



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A child safe culture

By making a public commitment to child safety we are affirming our commitment to listen to and empower all children within our school. We prioritise the safety of children and will not tolerate child abuse and harm.

We adhere to the Victorian Catholic Education Authority's (VCEA) Statement of Commitment to Child Safety and our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy includes the Code of Conduct that all staff, volunteers and visitors must sign to affirm their commitment to the standards of behaviour expected for our school community. These documents, and all our Child Safety Policies, can be viewed on our website: <https://www.smwarracknabeal.catholic.edu.au/child-safety>

We invite feedback on our school policies and procedures. St Mary's Child Safety Officers, Julie Leonard and Claire Schulz, can be contacted on 5398 2001 or by email at: principal@smwarracknabeal.catholic.edu.au