

# St Mary's Primary School Child Safety Student Information

#### Purpose

St. Mary's school community is committed to the care, safety and wellbeing of all students at our school.

The teachers and staff are committed to keeping the children at St. Mary's safe at all times.

This means the children at our school feel safe and are not worried or scared that something bad will happen to them. All staff know what to do if a student says or indicates that they feel unsafe.



#### Commitment to Child Safety

All students and young people attending St Mary's Primary School have the right to feel safe.

There is a no tolerance approach to bullying or any kind of unsafe behaviour.

#### **Risk Management**

St. Mary's Catholic Primary Schools know that it is important to keep our children school safe.

The school looks for problems and things that may be unsafe and then, if there are any issues, will fix them as soon as possible.

We should always let someone know if we see a risk or know of a problem in our schools.



#### Student Information

## Hiring Staff and Staff Training

Before employing new staff and helpers at our school, Leadership checks the background of the person to see if they are suitable to work with children.

Some of the things the school does to make sure they are right for the position are:

- We check if they have been in trouble with the police
- We ask them to behave safely
- We make sure they follow our rules
- We make sure they have a current Working with Children Check card
- We see what they did for their last job, and,
- The Principal talks to the people that worked with them last to see if they're safe people.

Once they have settled into our school they get more information and training about child safety.

## Inclusion and Empowerment for all Students and Young People.

All the staff and teachers at our school help children understand that they have a right to feel safe and secure.

Classroom activities like Circle Time, sessions with our Pastoral Care worker and following our BRICKs (Be Respectful, Inclusive, Courageous and Kind), help us understand our rights and keep us safe.

There are displays and posters in the school that tell us what to do if we feel unsafe or have a problem.

The children at St. Mary's know that they have a voice and can use it to express issues, concerns, ideas and ideas.

#### Valuing Differences

St. Mary's Primary School values differences and does not put up with any kind of teasing because people are different.

The school helps and looks after ALL students;

- students with different backgrounds
- students that are different shapes and sizes
- students with different beliefs
- students that like different things
- students that have different abilities and,
- students that learn differently or have particular needs





- <u>CECV Statement of Commitment to Child Safety</u>
- <u>St Mary's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy</u>

## Responsibility

The School Principal and nominated CARSO are responsible for maintaining this document.