



Victorian Catholic Education Australia

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including Aboriginal students, students with disability, students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, students who are unable to live at home and international students. The Victorian Catholic school education sector commits to providing the care and services required to support them and their families, and to ensure their safety within all Catholic schools.

Catholic schools and their governing bodies will take prompt action to have any allegations of abuse concerning children and young people appropriately referred and investigated when raised. While the context and reality at each Catholic school will differ, the fundamental issues of understanding effective practices in child safety, and identifying and responding to child harm remain the same. All schools must strive for continual improvement that is responsive to emerging thinking, evidence and practice, so as to eliminate the potential for abuse to occur.

Creating child-safe school environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by school governing authorities, schools, families and their communities. It requires collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, curriculum and practices.

Every person involved in Catholic education has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

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