



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR CHILD SAFETY

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility

At St, Matthew's Catholic Primary School we are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Our commitment is taken from and is integral to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. ([CECV Commitment Statement to Child Safety](#))

The Victorian Government introduced minimum Child Safety Standards into law to ensure organisations had the responsibility to create child safe environments. Our policies and procedures take into account this ministerial order and includes the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in the [Ministerial Order 870](#)

There are [seven minimum standards](#) with an over arching principal of inclusion which applies to all standards. The intention is that these standard will support organisations consider and address risk associated with child abuse in an integrated and proactive fashion.

Key Policy Documents

[Child Safety Code of Conduct](#)

[CECV Commitment to Child Safety](#)

[Mandatory Reporting Policy](#)

[Child Safety Policy](#)

[4 critical actions for schools](#)

Information relating to Melbourne Catholic Education's commitment to the new Ministerial Standards is also available on the [CECV Child safety website](#) and [Catholic Education Melbourne](#).

Information relating to the Department of Education's support of staff and students is available on the [Department of Education\(DET\) website](#)

Should any member of the school community including visitors to our school, have any queries in regard to the school's policy or procedures, please make contact with either of the following people.03 9359 5423

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St Matthew's Primary School is committed to creating an environment where the safety, wellbeing, and participation of all children within our care is paramount.