

What are the Child Safe Standards?

Making sure all children are safe and connected is such an important part of what we do at our school each and every day. The aim of the Child Safe Standards is to drive continuous improvement and proactive framework that protects children from potential abuse. It is important that this collective mindset is embedded in everyday thinking and practice of leaders, staff and volunteers.

This will assist organisations/schools to:

- Promote the safety of children
- Prevent child abuse
- Ensure effective processes are in place to respond to and report allegations of child abuse
- Encourage children to 'have a say', especially on issues that are important to them or about decisions that affect their lives.

The seven standards are:

1. Embedding a culture of child safety through effective leadership.
2. Making a commitment to child safety with a policy or statement.
3. Having a clear code of conduct that establishes appropriate behaviour with children.
4. Screening, supervision and training for staff, to reduce the risk of child abuse.
5. Clear processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
6. Identifying child abuse risks and ways to reduce them.
7. Empowering children to share their feedback and experiences about feeling safe.

The standards are designed to drive cultural change in organisations/schools, so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in the everyday thinking and practice of leaders, staff and volunteers. If you have any questions regarding the child safe standards, please contact me.

Heidelberg Primary School Child Safety Officer



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My role as **Child Safety Officer** includes the following:

- Raising the awareness of the Child Safe Policy and Procedures
- Encourage a culture that responds and listen to students in need of protection
- Ensure staff and volunteers are trained and aware of opportunities to support students

If you have any questions or concerns regarding a student's safety, please speak with me.