

# Child Safety

## Student Version: Child Safety Policy

### Rationale

All Loreto College students have the right to feel safe, protected and included at our school. As students, we will work with the staff to ensure Loreto College is always committed to our safety and wellbeing.

We as students feel safer knowing that the following procedures and commitments are in place:

### Actions

#### 1. School Commitment to Child Safety

We have a commitment from the school that it values Child Safety and that it is adhering to Victorian Child Safe Standards. The College assures us they are continually reviewing Child Safe practices and guidelines.

#### 2. Feeling unsafe?

We can speak to one of the Child Safe Officers or any staff member at the College if we are feeling unsafe. Adults we talk to will listen to our concerns and discuss strategies to have our concerns addressed. We will encourage any other student feeling unsafe to talk to a trusted adult.

#### 3. Student input

We can input to Child Safety at Loreto through

- completing AWE and other Wellbeing surveys
- talking to our Mentor teacher or Child Safety Officers or working with our many student leadership committees.

(Child Safety Officers: Ms Chris Shaw, Ms Gemma McDermott, Ms Em Shanahan, Ms Kelli Baird, Ms Emma Kilpatrick, Ms Claire Canavan, all Loreto Counsellors)







#### **4. Staff commitment**

We are assured that staff working at Loreto College know they have a responsibility to protect any child under their care. We know they complete Child Safety modules, discuss Child Safety and have registration with the VIT. Staff have legal and mandatory reporting obligations.

#### **5. Student inclusiveness**

As students we need to value difference and we need the school to value difference. No student at Loreto College should feel excluded by their colour, ethnic background, gender identification, academic ability or religion.

#### **6. School processes**

We can see actions the school has taken in the past five years to help ensure child safety such as:

- guidelines for online learning
- glass panels added to solid doors
- Child Safety posters placed around the school
- content covered as part of the Felicitous Life program
- increased staff supervision rosters at school, at sport and on excursion.

#### **7. Visitors**

We are aware that all visitors to the school need to register before moving through the school and they should have a sticker to let us know they have done so.



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