



MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Safe Standard 2: Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

PURPOSE:

Macedon Primary School is committed to ensuring that the Child Safety Standards are adhered to and a culture of child safety is fostered in the school and our community. This policy is designed to guide the school and all people involved with it to uphold the highest standards to maintain the safety of our students.

Macedon Primary School will implement the measures outlined below, in accordance with Department guidelines and Ministerial Order 870.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Macedon Primary School:

- is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.
- has zero tolerance for child abuse.
- is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in Macedon Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

In its planning, decision-making and operations Macedon Primary School will:

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children;
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development;
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable;

8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities;
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk; and
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers who will be encouraged to raise any concerns they have.

This policy has been developed in conjunction with the guidelines set out by the PROTECT website, for more information please visit the website by following the link below.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/childprotection/Pages/default.aspx#>

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