

Clifton Creek Primary School

CHILD SAFETY POLICY



Clifton Creek Primary School core beliefs promote an inclusive supportive environment through our values of 'Kids First', 'One in All In', 'Respect' and 'Valuing Differences'. Clifton Creek Primary School is inclusive, respectful, creates a strong sense of connectedness and develops strong relationships between students, community and staff.

***At Clifton Creek Primary School,
we have a zero tolerance to child abuse.***

Rationale:

All Victorian schools are required to have a child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety that details:

- the principles that will guide the school in developing policies and procedures to create and maintain a child safe school environment;
- the actions the school proposes to take to:
 - 1) demonstrate its commitment to child safety and monitor the school's adherence to its child safety policy;
 - 2) support, encourage and enable school staff, parents, and children to understand, identify, discuss and report child safety matters; and
 - 3) support or assist children who disclose child abuse, or are otherwise linked to suspected child abuse.
 - 4) Ensure that child safety is considered in the recruitment, selection and management of staff (includes contractors and volunteers)

Ministerial Order No. 870 (available at www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafes) states that Child abuse includes –

- Any act committed against a child involving –
 - A sexual offence or
 - An offence under section 49 B (2) of the *Crimes Act 1958* (grooming)
- The infliction, on a child, of –
 - Physical violence or
 - Serious emotional or psychological harm
- Serious neglect of a child.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 07/11/2018
and is to be reviewed on an annual basis.