



Child Safety Policy for students

Purpose: To give students user-friendly advice about child safety.



Principles of Student Safety

The following are important at Marist-Sion:

1. **Everyone has a right to be safe.**
2. We **all need to make sure our school is safe**, supportive, inclusive and empowering.
3. Normally, we should not share confidential matters with others. However, when someone's physical or psychological safety is at risk, **it is important to seek help** from a trusted adult.
4. **All staff are responsible for students** and must look out for their safety and wellbeing.
5. The **Principal ensures that staff understand** their responsibility to keep kids safe.
6. **Marist-Sion staff work with parents** to give students the best education possible.

Student participation

All students need to help Marist-Sion College be **a safe place for all**.

Students are made aware how they can report abuse or concerns about safety.

The **Student Representative Council** (SRC) has the important job of conveying students' views about how to keep students safe. (Comments to: srccaptains@mscw.vic.edu.au)

Reporting and responding

If a student is concerned about safety for themselves or another student, they should talk to a trusted adult. **Help is always available** at the College, from:

- Principal - Mr Houlahan
- Child Protection Officer – Mrs Burgess (Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care)
- Tutors
- Heads of House
- Wellbeing Centre staff: Jo John, Ryan Peace, Mel Bradley, David Hobbs and Deacon Mark Kelly
- Teachers or
- Office staff.



Staff Responsibilities

All staff are made aware of indicators of child abuse, of the need to be observant, and of their responsibility to respond to child safety issues. They regularly discuss child safety and child protection.

Links

- <https://kidshelpline.com.au>
- [Child safe standards](#)
- [Feeling Safe: For Secondary School Students](#)

(This was developed with the help of our students)