**Child Safety Policy   
*for students***

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

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# important Principles of Student Safety

# Everyone has a right to be safe.

1. **We** **all need to make sure our school is safe**, supportive, inclusive and empowering.
2. 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**.
3. **All staff are responsible for students** and must look out for their safety and wellbeing.
4. **The** **Principal ensures that staff understand** their responsibility to keep kids safe.
5. **Marist-Sion staff work with parents** to give students the best education possible and keep them safe.

# [Picture](https://sharepoint.mscw.vic.edu.au/College%20Photos/2020/Annual%20College%20Photos%20(External%20Supplier)/Leadership%20Photoshoot%20T1/5O5A1439.jpg)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 by staff.

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](mailto: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.

# Staff Responsibilities

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

**Help is always available AT THE COLLEGE**

* Principal - Mr Houlahan;
* Child Protection Officers - Mrs Burgess (DP: Pastoral Care);  
  Mrs Hunt (DP: Learning);   
  Mr Woodhouse (Director: Catholic Identity & Mission);
* Your Tutor or your Head of House;
* Wellbeing Centre staff: Jo John, Mel Bradley, Ryan Peace, David Hobbs, Deacon Mark; [wellbeing@mscw.vic.edu.au](mailto:wellbeing@mscw.vic.edu.au)
* Teachers; or office staff.

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# Other help

* A trusted family member
* Police – dial 000 if urgent
* Your family doctor
* [https://kidshelpline.com.au](https://kidshelpline.com.au/) 1800 55 180
* Feeling Safe: Facts and Information for Secondary Students