



CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING POLICY – STUDENT VERSION

Marist-Sion College has students with unique skills, exceptional strengths and diverse experiences to draw on. This policy supports students to build from this starting point.

Our Commitment to Child Safety

At Marist-Sion College the care, safety and wellbeing of all students is of utmost importance.

We have a legal obligation to make sure our College community is a safe space for everyone.

It applies in all physical and online school environments used by students – during and outside of school hours.

Marist-Sion College is committed to providing environments where all students feel:

- Safe
- Valued
- Respected
- Heard

Our child-safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of every student.

At Marist-Sion College, we:

- Welcome all children, young people and their families into our community.
- Promote positive relationships between students and adults.
- Celebrate the rich diversity of our students, families and community.
- Provide and promote respectful environments.

At Marist-Sion College, we have a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** on child abuse. Any form of discrimination or bullying – based on race, gender, appearance or ability is not tolerated by our community.

Supporting Students to Feel Safe

The Marist-Sion College environment is a welcoming and safe community that promotes diversity and inclusion.

We actively celebrate occasions such as NAIDOC Week and National Reconciliation Week, by displaying flags representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. First Nations people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's histories, cultures and values are highlighted through the Acknowledgement of Country.

Other initiatives such as Wear It Purple Day strive to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for the LGBTIQ+ community.

We seek to listen and respond to student concerns.

Strategies are in place to ensure that all students feel safe, heard and respected, including students who find it more challenging to speak up or feel heard.

Marist-Sion College empowers students to express their views, contribute to school life and provide feedback on school-wide decisions. We always consider student feedback when making decisions on behalf of the college community.

Where to get support?

Child Safety Champions play an important role at Marist-Sion College. The Principal, Deputy Principals and Wellbeing staff actively listen to the concerns students raise.

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