



## Child Safe Standard 1:

Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.

Marist-Sion College Warragul as a learning and faith community acknowledges and respects the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and play; including the sky above us and the earth and waterways below us.

We acknowledge that past systems have oppressed and disadvantaged Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and commit as a community to overcome these failings to pursue justice for the future.

We commit to engaging with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, promoting and providing a safe environment for them to express and explore their own culture.

As a community we respect that our students and their families have their own story. We respect that they will be at different stages in their own learning about their identity as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and their personal expressions of their culture.

We commit to providing opportunities to learn about Australia and the history of our First Nation's People in all subject areas. This extends to continuous professional learning for all staff to strengthen our cultural competency and ensure truth telling is embedded in the learning of all members of our community. Focus will be given to the strengths of our First Nations People and the beauty of their culture, to support and uphold their dignity.

We commit to dialogue with the local Aboriginal community, to being directed by their input and understand that our learning will be ongoing and needs to be undertaken with curiosity and respect. We value the presence of their ancient culture and work to respectfully enliven it in our context.

We commit to a zero tolerance to racism and the education of our community on its impacts on the wellbeing of our students and their safety.

As a Catholic community we understand that the Spirit who has existed from the beginning of time, is one and the same. That God is celebrated creatively and culturally and understood in our own traditions as being the good that exists throughout all of Creation. That we are all made in the image and likeness of a loving God. That we are all sisters and brothers of Jesus and that we all share in the same sacred mysteries.