



Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College

Child Safety Officers

1. INTRODUCTION

Victoria's Child Safe Standards under Ministerial Order No. 1359 require certain roles and responsibilities to be allocated within schools, including the role of a 'Child Safety Officer' who supports school leadership to effectively implement their child safety and wellbeing plans.

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College has appointed the people listed below as the College's Child Safety Officers. Each Child Safety Officer is available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Child Protection and Safety Policy and the Child Protection Program.

Child Safety Officers roles within the College are voluntary. However, each persons:

- attitudes, experiences and beliefs, for example, a person who is non-judgmental, calm, resilient and demonstrates a high degree of integrity and respect for confidentiality;
- role within the College, for example, a person who has seniority and experience working with complex student and family issues at the College and someone who is readily accessible and available to all members of the College community; and
- profile within the College, for example, a person who is approachable, who students and staff trust and who is willing and able to respond to issues personally and sensitively.

It is every individual's responsibility to protect children and make reports regarding their concerns to the appropriate authorities.

If a person requires support in reporting to the authorities, the College's Child Safety Officers are your first point of contact. They receive special training that allows them to deal with child protection concerns both sensitively and effectively.

If you have any concern that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed a belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you can discuss your concerns with the College's Child Safety Officer. Please note that only raising concerns with the College's Child Safety Officer, does not meet your legal obligations to report suspected child abuse.

The welfare and best interests of the child are paramount. Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 000.

The following Child Safety Officers can be contacted through the College on 5662 4255:

- John Ryan – Child Safety Officer and Deputy Principal Wellbeing – Staff and Students
- Bron Croatto – Student Engagement Leader
- Chris Spencer – Pastoral Care Leader and Year 9 Wellbeing Leader
- Claire Cassidy – Year 7 Wellbeing Leader
- Stephen Ross-Bryant – Year 8 Wellbeing Leader
- David Robinson – Year 10 Wellbeing Leader
- Richard Muranty – Year 11 Wellbeing Leader
- Georgia Townley – Year 12 Wellbeing Leader
- Rhiannon Le Busque - College Counsellor
- Kathy Williams – College Counsellor
- Laura Muranty - Teacher and Year 8 Homeroom Teacher
- Jenny Damon – Compliance Officer

2. REVIEW

Reviewed by Deputy Principal Wellbeing – Students and Staff and Ratified by Principal

Implementation Date: April 2022

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Next Review Date: February 2024