



MACLEOD COLLEGE
A STATE P-12 SCHOOL

Child Safe Statement

Macleod College has zero tolerance for child abuse!

Macleod College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people by providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in Macleod College has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make"

In its planning, decision-making and operations *Macleod College* will

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development;
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues;
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities;
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk; and
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

The following school policies have been developed to ensure the good working order of our College with respect to fulfilling our legal and duty of care obligations regarding the wellbeing of students and staff:

Anti bullying and harassment	Emergency management plan	Sexual harassment
Communication	First aide	Student engagement and inclusion
Critical incident	Occupational health and safety	Suicide response
Cyber safety agreement	Mandatory reporting	Supervision and duty of care
School philosophy	Medication	Anaphylaxis

They can be accessed via the school COMPASS portal or the webpage. Paper copies are also available upon request at the general office.