

CHILD SAFE STANDARD 2, 2016

COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY



Dear School Community,

1 December 2017

As you may be aware, all Victorian Schools, including Charles La Trobe P-12 College, have been working toward ensuring compliance with Ministerial Order No. 870 regarding Child Safety Standards in Victorian Schools. This is part of Charles La Trobe P-12 College's 'Commitment to Child Safety'.

*Charles La Trobe P-12 College takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures and practices meet all **Child Safety Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 870 (2015).***

Charles La Trobe P-12 College is fully committed to child safety.

We want our students to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all students, as well as our staff and volunteers.

Charles La Trobe P-12 College is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all students.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our clear policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a student's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Charles La Trobe P-12 College is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

We have excellent human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers.

Charles La Trobe P-12 College is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We support and respect all students, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for students with disabilities.

We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

If we believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse we will phone 000.

Anna Rigoni

Principal

Margaret Phillips

School Council President

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There will be further information made available at the College campus, on the school website and Compass portal. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Principal.

References

VRQA Website <http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafes/Pages/default.html>

DET Website

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/regulation/Pages/childsafestandards.aspx>

Commission for Children and Young People Website

<http://www.ccyp.vic.gov.au/>

Endorsement

- This Commitment to Child Safety was endorsed by the Charles La Trobe College on August 23rd 2016. The Commitment to Child Safety will be reviewed when legislative or other changes require review or no later than December 2018.
- Reviewed December 2017. Re-endorsed at school council meeting December 12th, 2017.