

Child-Friendly Edition – Child Safety Code of Conduct

As a Catholic primary school, Christ the Priest is unequivocal in its commitment to foster the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children by providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching school environment, in which they are able to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Vision

Inspiring learners to grow, learn and succeed in a dynamic Catholic community.

What our school values are and why child safety is important in our school:

At Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School, our values are mercy, thanksgiving and service. We believe that all children have the right to be safe and to be treated with respect at all times.

Why we have a policy:

We have a policy to make sure that all children at Christ the Priest are safe and respected.

The principles of our policy are:

- All children must be treated equally and with respect
- We will not accept inappropriate language, bullying or unsafe behaviour
- All staff should display kindness and respect to all students
- We value and respect each other's beliefs
- We value differences and individual needs
- Parents want students to be safe at all times
- Everyone has rights that are to be valued and respected
- Everyone must feel safe and respected
- Everyone has the responsibility to look after their own safety and the safety of others



Our pledge to our school community:

We promise to make Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School a safe place for all students to learn and play.

Why we have a Code of Conduct for adults working in our school:

All adults who work in our school must sign the Child Safety Code of Conduct each year and follow school policy with intention to keep children safe at all times.

How students are involved in child safety discussions and planning for improvements in our school:

All children have the right to be listened to and be involved when making decisions, especially about matters that will directly affect them.

At Christ the Priest Catholic Primary School, children are involved in:

- Circle Time
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
- Class Leaders
- Termly Bullying Surveys
- Buddy programs
- Year 6 Leadership program



How students report their concerns and how do teachers respond:

Students can tell their teacher or a trusted adult if they feel unsafe.

Students should not feel scared to speak to teachers but feel confident and safe.

All students should feel confident to talk about anything whether it is serious or not.

All students should report immediately if they have been made to feel unsafe.

All students should feel confident to report if they know another person is feeling unsafe.

How Staff are selected to work in our school:

Staff who work at Christ the Priest must be selected because they-

- Are qualified to teach children
- Have experience working with children
- Know what they are doing
- Have no criminal record
- Are caring and kind
- Want to help children learn in all subjects
- Present in a calm manner
- Like working with children
- Are friendly, creative, trustworthy, and supportive of children and show them respect



How the school supports Staff to develop their knowledge about child safety?

Staff will be supported to keep children safe by continually learning about child safety during their meeting times.

New staff will be informed about child safety and be expected to follow the Child Safety Code of Conduct and all procedures that keep children safe.

How our school identifies possible risks, who is involved and what happens next:

The school will plan, with students, ways to decrease risks and ensure that every student is, and feels safe.

When a risk is identified student ideas will be considered in the process of eliminating or minimising the risk.

Before students participate in learning that is conducted outside the school a risk assessment is done to ensure students will be safe at all times.

How the school lets everyone know about this policy and our plans:

- Our policy is on the Christ the Priest website.
- It is included in the information pack for new families.

When we will update this policy:

Date to review and update this policy: February 2022

The policy will be reviewed every year by the Year 5 & 6 Class Leaders.

