

CHILD SAFETY POLICY Student Version



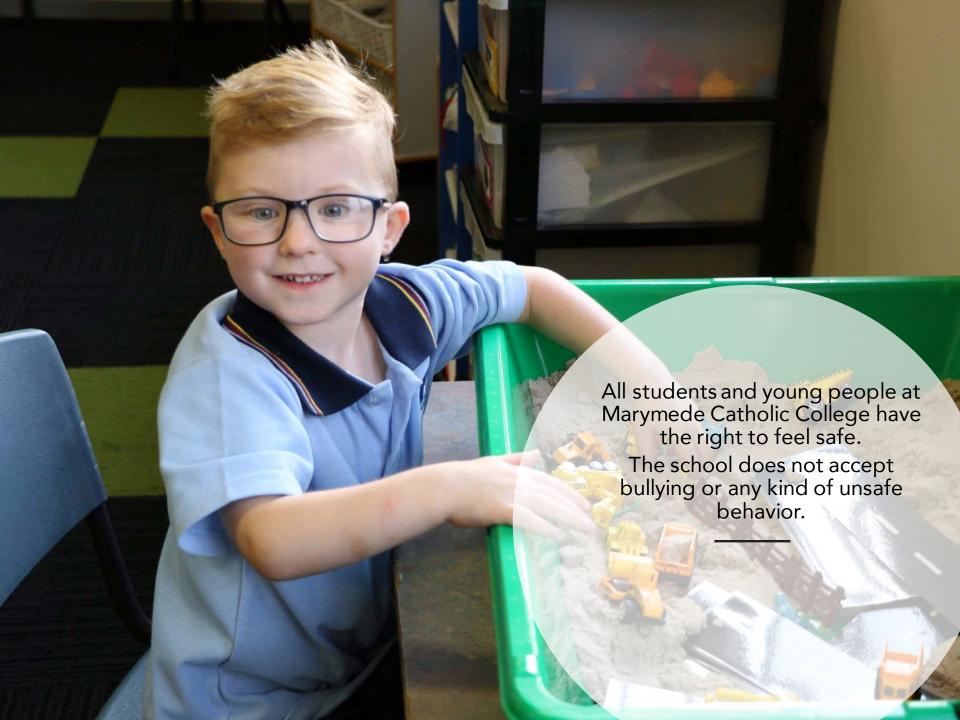


Introduction

Our school works hard to keep children safe. Everyone in the school is responsible to protect children from harm.

Children at our school do not need to feel worried or scared that something bad will happen to them.

The school has a Child Safe Policy to help us make safe choices about what happens in the school.





All students can speak up if they feel unsafe.

They should feel comfortable to speak with a teacher or staff member they trust if they feel unsafe or if they need help. They can trust that adults will listen to them.

If a student talks about something that is making them feel unsafe, the information will only be shared with people who can support and protect them.



Marymede Catholic College knows that it is important to keep checking that our school is safe.

The school looks out for problems or things that might be unsafe and then, if there are any problems, they try to fix them as soon as they can.

We should always tell someone if we see a risk.



We have a Code of Conduct that explains the behaviour that everyone in the school needs to show. The Code of Conduct is available on the College website and in the office.

These rules affect adults as well as children. Marymede Catholic College makes sure there is a Code of Conduct for:

all teachers
all adults working at the school
the College Board
priests
emergency teachers
parent helpers
volunteers



Marymede Catholic College knows that it is important that we talk about safety with students, teachers and parents. We want to make sure that all students are able to:

- keep themselves safe
- keep others safe
- recognise when something is dangerous
- know what to do when they see a risk



Before hiring staff and helpers, Marymede Catholic College checks to see if they are suitable to work with children.

Some of the things the school does to make sure they are right for the school are:

- Check if there is a police criminal record
- Check they have a Working with Children Check
- Make sure they sign the Code of Conduct
- Make sure they are fair and kind to kids
- Make sure they follow the rules well
- Mr Kenny or Ms Kift talks to the people that worked with them last to see if they're safe people.

All staff get training about keeping children safe.



At Marymede Catholic College, all teachers and staff know what to do if a child is being harmed by unsafe or dangerous behaviour.

If there are times when an adult has been unsafe with you or with another child, you can tell a teacher or any adult at our school. They will know what to do to help. You should always tell a staff member you trust if you think there is a risk. It is important that the child at risk is helped and feels safe.



Marymede Catholic College values differences. Sometimes, students will need special support to keep them safe and make sure they feel cared for. We help and look after ALL students including:

- Students with different backgrounds
- Students that are different shapes and sizes
- Students with different beliefs
- Students that like different things
- Students of all ages
- Students that have different abilities
- Students have different ways of learning
- Students with different personalities and interests
- Students of all genders
- Students of all sexual orientations

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