

CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION

Over the year Catholic Education encourages us to share summaries of specific documents. Below are this term's documents.

Bullying and Harassment Procedures and Concerns

The school will provide a positive culture where harassment/bullying is not accepted, and in so doing, all will have the right of respect from others, the right to learn and to teach, and a right to feel safe and secure in the school environment. At Rosary School we celebrate our individual talents, skills and differences. We will all try to live as God wants us to...

“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 13:36

- To reinforce within the school community what bullying is, and the fact that it is unacceptable.
- Everyone within the school community to be alert to signs and evidence of bullying and to have a responsibility to report it to staff whether as observer or victim.
- To ensure that all reported incidents of bullying are followed up appropriately and that support is given to both victims and perpetrators.
- To seek parental and peer-group support and co-operation at all times.

You can find our full policy and procedure on our School website.

Policy for the Care, Wellbeing and Protection of Children and Young People 2011

South Australian Catholic schools place the highest priority on the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. In South Australia Child Protection policy and practices support a proactive role in the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people, the provision of child safe environments and intervention procedures for responding to abuse and neglect.

These responsibilities include:

- a duty of care to students
- responsibilities as mandated notifiers of child abuse and/or neglect the provision of child protection curriculum for every student
- a code of conduct to promote respectful and caring relationships

The full document can be viewed on the CESA website

(<https://online.cesa.catholic.edu.au/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-13163/Policy+for+the+Care+Wellbeing+and+Protection+of+Children+and+Young+People+29+June+2011.pdf>).

Cybersafety: Keeping Children Safe In A Connected World

This document provides schools with guidelines to assist us when sharing in the delights of young people learning online, while observing legislation, policies and practices that promote learning, protection and safety.

The full document can be found on the DECD website

(www.decd.sa.gov.au/speced2/files/links/decd_cyber_safety_2012_web.pdf).

Wellbeing For Every Child – A Reminder.

We know that happy children learn well and can adjust to life's challenges in positive ways. All School staff and volunteers are mandatory notified meaning they are obliged by law to notify Families SA, if they suspect on reasonable grounds that a child or young person has been, or is being, abused and/or neglected. At Rosary School, Lisa McCormick and Damian Weeks are the contact people, especially for volunteers, who may need support with this process.

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

Throughout the year students will be engaging with the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC). The KS:CPC is an evidence based, best practice curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection specialists, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. It covers a range of concepts including new additional material on contemporary issues such as bullying and cyber safety.

The KS:CPC is divided into 5 documents specific to the year level of the students plus 2 additional documents for educators working with students from cultural or linguistically diverse backgrounds and for students with disability.

There are 2 main themes:

- We all have the right to be safe
- We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust

There are 4 focus areas:

1. The right to be safe
2. Relationships
3. Recognising and reporting abuse
4. Protective strategies

The KS:CPC fits primarily within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum but can also be incorporated across other Learning Areas. Within the Health and Physical Education curriculum two focus areas Relationships and Safety outline the learning.

Additional information about the broader protection policies of Catholic Education SA can be found on their website: <http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all>.

The website also includes links to online resources for parents and students on a range of topics including anxiety, depression, bullying and how to support your child.