



Djarragun College

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety and Wellbeing

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Djarragun College is committed to providing education and care to children and young people to assist them to develop into high-achieving, supported students, positively connected to each other and to the communities in which they live and which they will serve.

The College is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people at the College and is dedicated to protecting them from harm.

At Djarragun College we have zero tolerance for child abuse. Our child protection responsibilities are of the utmost importance for the College and, as such, the College is committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations, and to maintain a safe and supportive College environment for all children and young people.

Child Safe Values & Principles

The following child safe values and principles guide the College's commitment to child safety and form the basis for all child protection policies and procedures at the College.

1. All children have the right to be safe.
2. The welfare and best interests of the child are paramount.
3. The views and privacy of the child must be respected.
4. Clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children are established in our Child Safety Code of Conduct and Staff and Student Professional Boundaries policy.
5. The safety of children is dependent upon the existence of a child safe culture.
6. Child safety awareness is promoted and openly discussed within our College community.
7. Procedures are in place to screen all staff, Direct Contact Volunteers, Third Party Contractors and External Education Providers who have direct contact with children.
8. Child safety and protection is everyone's responsibility.
9. Child protection training is mandatory for all Board of Directors members, staff members and Direct Contact Volunteers.
10. Procedures for responding to alleged or suspected incidents of child abuse and harm are simple and accessible for all members of the College community.

Child Protection Contact Officers

As part of our commitment to child protection, safety and wellbeing, Djarragun College has appointed a number of Child Protection Contact Officers as honest, mature, ethical and experienced members of the College community who can deal with sensitive issues relating to child protection and safety.

Our Child Protection Contact Officers are available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Statement of Commitment to Child Safety and Wellbeing and the Child Protection Program.



Responsibilities

The College acknowledges that child protection is everyone's responsibility.

At Djarragun College all members of the Board of Directors, staff members and Volunteers have a shared responsibility for contributing to the safety and protection of children. Specific responsibilities for each group of the College community are further explained in the 'Who is Responsible for Child Protection?' section of our Child Protection Program.

Reporting Concerns

Our Child Protection Program provides detailed guidance for Members of the Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers and Third Party Contractors for identifying key risk indicators of child abuse and how to report child abuse concerns to one of our College's nominated Child Protection Contact Officers. It also contains detailed procedures with respect to the reporting of child abuse incidents to relevant external authorities.

Staff, Volunteers, Third Party Contractors, External Education Providers, students, parents/carers and other community members who have concerns that a child may be subject to abuse are asked to contact one of the College's Child Protection Contact Officers.

Communications will be treated confidentially on a 'need to know basis'.

Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 000.