



Child Safety Standard 2

Statement of Commitment

Sandringham Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision - making.

Sandringham Primary school is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our school community recognises the importance of, and responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment, which fosters the respect, dignity, and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to learn and thrive in their development.

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity while keeping child safety paramount. We ensure that the children and young people at our school feel empowered and have every opportunity to have their voice heard in decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention is paid to the cultural safety of aboriginal children and children from culturally and or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Sandringham Primary school has zero tolerance of child abuse.

Every person involved in Sandringham Primary school has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play, individually and collectively, to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make. The student wellbeing team leads the community in relation to child safety at school. The assistant principal and the principal are the child safety leaders.

We value the input from families and carers in regard to child safety and the associated importance of ensuring all lines of communication are open at all times. The assistant principal and principal will ensure there is written guidance available on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children. Sandringham Primary takes a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety. We work together to empower the children in our school to participate in decisions, which affect their lives. We foster a culture of openness that supports everyone to safely disclose risks of harm to children and where children feel comfortable to raise any issues. All staff will complete a range of training and professional learning sessions annually so that they feel able to report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly including mandatory reporting, child safe standards and safe schools. The school aims to ensure only the most suitable people will work with children, including teaching staff, education support staff, administrative staff, other employees and parent and community volunteers. The administrative staff check to ensure that all volunteers, including parents have a working with children check and that the working with children check register is maintained.

As a community, our actions will ensure that all the children in our care feel safe. We will support all members of the Sandringham Primary school community to feel empowered to report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities. Where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk, we will share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations as required.