



# St Paul Apostle South Primary Child Safe Child Friendly Policy



## Rationale

At St Paul Apostle South P.S:

- All students enrolled have the right to feel and be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority and we have zero tolerance to child abuse.
- It is the role of all staff to create a child safe and child friendly environment where children feel safe and are free to enjoy life to the full without any impediments for their safety.
- All staff are mandated to report any type of abuse that is either suspected or disclosed. The school follows set procedures in making a report with the safety of each child at the forefront. will be made available from the commencement of the school year.

## Introduction

This policy communicates to staff, volunteers and students on how to behave with children in our organisation and how we can promote children's participation in our school and make it safer for them.

## Support children's participation

St Paul Apostle South P.S. supports the children in our school to join in. Staff listen to children's views, respect what they say and involve them when we make decisions, especially about matters that will affect them. All classes operate Circle Time in our classrooms to talk about things that affect us.

## Our staff, volunteers and Students at St Paul Apostle South P.S:



- Promote respect and fairness for all staff, volunteers and students.
- Will be told we are a Child-safe Child-friendly School.
- Will carefully choose people who want to work here using interviews, references and the Working with Children Check.

## When you are worried



If you are worried about your safety or your participation you can talk to:

- **Mr. Gleeson (Principal)**
- **Miss Blakemore (Student Wellbeing Leader)**
- If you are feeling shy you can ask a parent, your teacher or a friend to help you.
- Most importantly, you will be listened to and believed you will be given help so that you feel safe

## Communication



To ensure that all in the community understands the importance of Child Safety:

- We will explain this policy to staff, volunteers and students at the start of each year.
- We will explain this policy to all new staff, volunteers and students.
- All parents, volunteers and staff need to sign the Code of Conduct.

## Review

This policy will be reviewed every year by the children on the SRC who will get ideas from their classmates and teacher.