



## Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People

The safety and wellbeing of children and young people is the paramount consideration at Cabra Dominican College.

The College has zero tolerance for children and young people coming to harm of any kind. The safeguarding of our children and young people is intrinsic to our Dominican identity, and College Vision Statement:

Cabra Dominican College, as a Christian community in the Catholic tradition, strives to nurture and develop the unique gifts of individuals, to liberate them in the search for truth, and to empower them to create a better world.

The College is actively invested in fostering a community of safeguarding that recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all children and young people. In alignment with the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 (SA), the Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 (SA), the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, and the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, the College is further committed to creating and maintaining a child safe environment, wherein:

- (a) Every person within the College who interacts with children and young people commits to establishing safe and supportive relationships.
- (b) Diversity within our community is respected, and each child and young person is valued and treated equitably. The College does not tolerate child abuse, bullying, unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment.
- (c) Children and young people are well-informed of their right to feel safe and know who to talk with if they have concerns or are feeling unsafe.
- (d) Activities with children and young people are proactively planned, organised and reviewed; with potential risks duly considered, reduced, mitigated and/or eliminated where possible.
- (e) Our staff (including contractors and volunteers) actively seek to become, and remain informed, of the causes and signs of harm or risks of harm to children and young people, and the strategies to prevent, safeguard against, or respond effectively.
- (f) All concerns raised are treated seriously and are responded to promptly, appropriately, sensitively and thoroughly (including by ensuring that any response is compliant with the College's mandatory reporting and other legal responsibilities).