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Overview

As a school-based RTO, Catholic Regional College Institute of Training (CRCIT) complies with the requirements of the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and complies with all other relevant legislation, codes of practice, advisory and best practice standards as well as relevant policies and procedures of Catholic Regional College Sydenham (CRCS).

The purpose of this Policy is to demonstrate the strong commitment of Catholic Regional College Sydenham to the care, safety and wellbeing of all students at our school. It provides an outline of the policies, procedures, actions and strategies that will be implemented to ensure that a child safe culture is championed and modelled at all levels of the College, to keep students safe from harm, including all forms of abuse in our school environment, on campus, online and in other locations provided by the College.

This Policy takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Child Safe Standards as set out in Ministerial Order No. 1359.

This Policy applies to school staff, including school employees, volunteers, contractors and clergy. It should be read in conjunction with the following related school policies and procedures:

- 1. PROTECT: Identifying and Responding to Abuse Reporting obligations
- 2. Child Safety Code of Conduct
- 3. Reportable Conduct Policy.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has prescribed the following guidelines, policies, procedures and notices that Catholic Regional College Sydenham must implement:

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Recordkeeping Policy
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Recordkeeping Procedures
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Catholic Regional College Sydenham Engaging Families in Child Safety Policy
- PROTECT Identifying and Responding to Abuse Reporting Obligations

- Four Critical Actions for Schools Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse
- Catholic Regional College Sydenham Procedure for Ensuring Staff are Informed of Mandatory Reporting Obligations
- o Catholic Regional College Sydenham Internal Process for Mandatory Reporting
- o MACS Reporting Criteria Failure to Disclose Guidelines
- Catholic Regional College Sydenham Recruitment Policy
- Catholic Regional College Sydenham Reportable Conduct Policy

Related Policies

Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) guidelines

- CECV Guidelines on the Employment of Staff in Catholic Schools
- CECV Guidelines on the Engagement of Volunteers in Catholic Schools
- CECV Guidelines on the Engagement of Contractors in Catholic Schools
- CECV NDIS/External Providers: Guidelines for Schools
- CECV Positive Behaviour Guidelines

College Policies

- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- PROTECT: Identifying and Responding to Abuse Reporting obligations
- Reportable Conduct Policy