

Tyers Primary School – Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Purpose of this Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Everyone in society has a moral responsibility to keep children safe and to protect them from harm. This Statement of Commitment to Child Safety helps raise awareness about the importance of child safety at Tyers Primary School and the community and affirms Tyers Primary School's commitment to child safety and expectations.

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Tyers 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.

Tyers Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Tyers Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be 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.

Every person involved in Tyers Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays 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.

Tyers Primary School's principles for child safety.

In its planning, decision-making and operations Tyers Primary School will:

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development;
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues;
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities;
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk; and
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

Related School Policies

This policy should be read and understood (but not limited to) in conjunction with the following school policies & documents:

- Child Safety Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Safety Risk Register
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- ICT & Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- Mandatory Reporting Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Volunteer Checks (WWCC) Policy

Review

The Tyers Primary School School Council and staff will regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the Statement of Commitment to Child Safety and revise the statement bi-annually or as required by completing a review.

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety updates and requirements will be made available to staff, families and visitors.

This statement was reviewed and updated January 2020