

The Child Safe Standards

Standard 1: Strong and clear governance arrangements allow school leaders to ensure child safety is a focus within their school

Standard 2: A child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety

Standard 3: A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children

Standard 4: Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel

Standard 5: Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse

Standard 6: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse

Standard 7: Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

Key Messages – Implementation of the Standards in Catholic Schools

- Catholic schools are places where the sacred dignity of each person is recognised, respected and fostered.
- Catholic schools take an integrated and collaborative approach to building and strengthening safe and respectful school communities.
- Catholic schools are places where young people feel safe and in reality are safe.
- Children and young people in Catholic schools are aware of their right to be safe, are empowered to have a voice about safety and know how to raise concerns. These principles are inherent in the teachings and mission of Jesus Christ with the sanctity of each individual human being at the heart of the Gospel.