

Child Safe Standards

For Parents and School
Council

What is Child Safe?



- Children have the right to be safe and protected, including at school. It is important that you feel confident that your child is safe and well in care of their school.
- Schools are responsible for keeping children safe. Schools have to meet legal requirements for the care, safety and welfare of students. From August 1st 2016 schools have needed to meet child safe standards to achieve a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Bentleigh West Primary School – Child Safe Officers

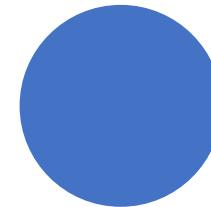
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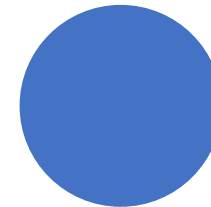
- The following slides state the child safe standard and how BWPS ensures the standard addressed in the over culture, policies, procedures and actions of the day to day running of the school.

Bentleigh West Primary School – approach to child safety



- Ensure all staff members know the policy – embed into staff meetings as agenda item, staff handbook, PD, Induction.
- Wellbeing role assigned to include child safety.
- Curriculum Leaders role include child safety.
- E-smart/cybersafety within ICT curriculum.
- SWPB and Respectful Relationships
- Child Safe information on Website.
- Posters and promotion displayed.

Standard 1: Strategies to embed and organisation culture of child safety



BWPS is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is the focus of our care and decision making. BWPS has zero tolerance for child abuse.

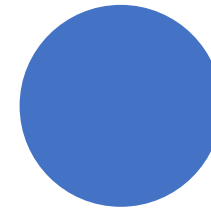
BWPS is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. BWPS pays particular attention to the cultural safety of aboriginal children and children from culturally/linguistically diverse backgrounds as well as the safety of children with a disability

Every person involved at BWPS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all children is at the forefront of all they do and decision they make.

The school shares this by:

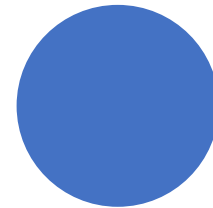
- Staff Induction
- Staff Handbook
- Staff Meetings
- Newsletters
- School Website
- Parent Information Nights

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



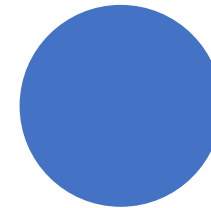
- Ensuring Code of Conduct is signed and VIT or WWC cards are presented before entry to school.
- School Values clearly outline the behaviours and expectations of interactions between staff, students and parents within the school.
- All staff read and sign the code of conduct on an annual basis or when appointed to the position.

Standard 3: A child safety code of conduct



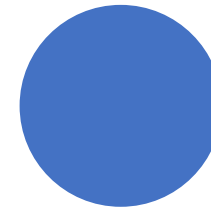
- Follow Merit and Equity based procedures.
- Ensure advertisements, interviews, background checks all include child safe focus to ensure appropriate staff are employed.
- VIT and WWC cards are presented code of conduct signed.
- Appropriate training offered – DET modules.
- Induction Program Covers Child Safe
- Duty of Care Policy
- Yard Duty – meeting managing risk

Standard 4: Staff school selection, supervision and management practices for a child safe environment



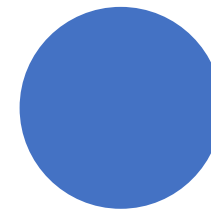
- Abuse can be Physical, Sexual, Grooming, Emotional, Neglect, Family Violence, Student Sex offending or sexual behavior in children under 10.
- Staff are mandatory reporters and are trained in reporting allegation and suspicion of abuse and understand procedures.
- Responding and reporting procedures are in the Mandatory Reporting Policy and displayed in teachers work spaces throughout the school and in the hand book.
- All teachers are trained to report on their belief and independent to school leadership if required.
- Reports can be made to any teacher, child safe officers and the principal team.

Standard 5: Procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse



- Regular training for all staff in relation to all standards.
- Child Safe on the agenda for every leadership meeting and school council meeting.
- Child Safe Officers available for School Community.
- Risk assessments of excursions, incursions and camps to include child safe precautions.
- Volunteers and outside agencies, contractors (SAMS 4 Schools) all screened and mandated to use child safe standards (after school care)
- SWPBS and Respectful Relationships

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



- Student Leadership for all students to be heard.
- Develop trusting relationships where students are listened to.
- SWPBS and Respectful Relationships – for consistency in and explicit teaching of positive and protective behaviours.
- Cyber Safety as part of the school program.
- Wellbeing team and proactive support for all students.
- Student friendly posters to promote safety

Standard 7: Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment

