



St John's Parish Mitcham



OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

St John's Parish holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of our parish community.

We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

This commitment extends to clergy, employees and volunteers within St John's Parish community, regardless of their role or level of responsibility to act to safeguard children and young people from child abuse.

We are committed to creating a child safe culture at St John's that safeguards children and young people from all forms of abuse. We commit to policies, procedure and practices to achieve this.

We are committed to zero tolerance of all forms child abuse and discrimination, and will always act to safeguard children and young people and report suspected abuse promptly to the appropriate authorities. We are resolutely committed to ensuring that all those engaged at St John's are aware of the inherent vulnerability of all children and young people and acknowledge their own responsibility to promote the dignity of children and young people and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe environment.

We are committed to ensuring that all persons who have, or may be expected to have, contact with children and young people acknowledge their responsibility to safeguard children and young people from abuse and discrimination. We acknowledge and welcome diversity in St John's Parish community. We recognise that cultural safety and inclusion serve as protective factors in relation to child safety, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with a disability, and are sensitive to how these factors may impact child safety.

This commitment is made by the Parish Priest and the Safeguarding Committee members on behalf of the parish as a whole.

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For queries etc on any aspect of child protection: mitcham@cam.org.au or call the parish on 9401 6366