

Child Safety Policy

Casterton Secondary College has developed and maintains a culture of zero tolerance towards child abuse. Casterton Secondary College recognises a responsibility to comply with Ministerial Order 870.

Aims of the policy

To ensure that all Casterton Secondary College students are safe and protected from child abuse in all school environments, during and outside school hours.

Implementation of Ministerial Order 870 – Child Safety

At Casterton Secondary College we believe Child Safety encompasses matters related to:

- protecting all children from child abuse
- managing the risk of child abuse
- providing support to a child at risk of child abuse
- responding in an appropriate manner to incidents, allegations or reports of child abuse

At Casterton Secondary College Ministerial Order 870 is implemented through familiarisation and adherence to the policies and procedures listed below in accordance with PROTECT: Protecting children and young people from abuse is our responsibility:

- This Child Safety policy
- Child Safe Code of Conduct
- Identifying and Responding to All Forms of Child Abuse in Victorian Schools
- Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse – Four critical actions
- The Welfare committee consisting of the Assistant Principal (Mr. Webb), 2 Educational Leaders one of whom is the Students Counsellor (Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Lithgow), School Nurse (Mrs. Sweeney) oversee Child Safety.

The following policies also exist to support Child Safety at Casterton Secondary College:

- Accident Incident reporting procedures
- Risk Assessment
- Anaphylaxis policy
- Bullying and Harassment policy and procedures
- Care arrangements for ill students
- Communication of school policies, procedures and schedules policy
- Critical incident plan
- Distribution of Medication policy and procedures
- Electronic Devices policy
- Emergency Management Plan
- Emergency prevention check list
- 1st Aid policy and procedures
- Excursions policy and procedures
- ICT Acceptable Use policy
- Mandatory Reporting policy and procedures
- Student Inclusion and Engagement policy
- Student Health policy
- Student Welfare policy and procedures
- Supervision and Duty of care policy



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A comprehensive New Staff Induction program ensures that staff, new to Casterton Secondary College, are familiar with the above policies and procedures.

Programs are run by our School Nurse, Student Counsellor and Health teachers to promote student safety, student rights and responsibilities, student empowerment and participation.

Implemented term 3, 2016

Ratified by School Council:

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