

Child Safeguarding Commitment Statement

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart are actively committed to fostering communities and a culture of safeguarding that recognises and upholds the dignity and rights of all children. We have zero tolerance of child abuse. We believe that all people have the right to be safe and respected. We commit to establishing a safe environment and supportive relationships for all with whom we have contact. We make the following child safeguarding commitments:

We commit to a zero tolerance for child abuse, harm or exploitation.

We commit to creating a safe physical and online environment, where children are respected, and their rights are upheld.

We commit to a culture of safeguarding. Everyone under the auspices of our Congregation, including our leadership, our members, our staff and volunteers, is responsible for creating and maintaining a child safe culture.

We commit to having safe people who continually develop their education and understanding of child safeguarding.

We commit to having child safeguarding policies, which are regularly reviewed.

We commit to having processes to sensitively respond to allegations and disclosures of child abuse and reporting to the appropriate authorities within a timely manner.

We commit to doing all we can to ensure that children, families and communities are informed, participate and are involved in decision making.

We commit to equity, promoting diversity and upholding justice for the most vulnerable within our community, including children who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and children with a disability.

We commit to an effective Complaints Management policy which is publicly available. Families and children are encouraged to communicate their concerns or suggestions for how we may improve our engagement with children.

For more information or to raise a concern, please contact the Safeguarding Co-ordinator on Ph: 0488 041 015

