



## Safeguarding News

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Happy New Year. Wishing you a happy and content 2020!

I trust that you have enjoyed a restful Christmas season.

In my previous newsletter insert, I referred to National Catholic Safeguarding Standard 1, which is Child Safety is embedded into institutional leadership, governance and culture. We have continued working towards this Standard and ensuring that our Congregation publicly takes a zero approach to child abuse and that all within the Congregation are aware of their responsibility to contribute to a child safe environment.

Later in March, Sister Monica intends to release a YouTube clip in relation to Standard 1 so please look out for this and be sure to hear how Sister Monica will lead our Congregation in creating a Child Safe Organisation. More safeguarding updates shall follow Sr Monica's YouTube clip.

I recently had the opportunity of meeting with the International Josephite Associates Leadership Team and sharing some safeguarding news and updates. I look forward to possibly attending the Josephite Associates Conference to be held later in the year and discussing some further updates at that time.

Eileen Evans has now extended her role to include working on several systems where we may be able to record and reflect on the work we shall be audited on in the future. I have really enjoyed working with Eileen and I am very thankful for her computer skills which are second to none!

There are many valuable child safeguarding on-line learnings and information available for you to explore. The Catholic Professional Standards (CPSL) homepage is a great place to start. There is a helpful YouTube video titled: "Introducing CPSL" dated 20 January 2020. <https://www.cpsltd.org.au/news-and-media/introducing-cpsl-video/>

This video provides a brief introduction to the safeguarding standards and runs for less than 5 minutes. I would encourage you to watch this video clip within your team meeting. It is important to remember that when presenters are referencing "the church", "the entity" or "the organisation", we all form the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart and therefore, all have a role to play in creating a child safe organisation.

I am happy to chat with anyone further in relation to any questions or concerns you have in relation to child safeguarding. I can be contacted via email or telephone listed below or a visit to Room 10, Level 1 of 9 Mount Street, North Sydney.

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