

Child Safe Statement of Commitment



Marymead CatholicCare
CANBERRA & GOULBURN

Marymead CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn (MCCG) is inspired by its mission and values, and informed by Catholic social teaching and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. This ensures that safeguarding is central to our culture, operation and purpose.

Marymead CatholicCare has zero tolerance for the mistreatment and abuse of children and young people and is committed to upholding and promoting their safety and wellbeing. To ensure Marymead CatholicCare protects children and young people from risk of harm and fosters a culture of safeguarding, Marymead CatholicCare has developed and implemented systems and practices based on the following safeguarding principles.

Respect

We will treat everyone equally, regardless of who they are or their age. We will ensure their rights are understood by everyone at Marymead CatholicCare and that children and young people feel safe, welcome and respected.

Inform

We will ensure that children and young people are informed of their rights, including their right to feel safe and who they should approach if they feel unsafe.

Safety

We will ensure that children and young people feel safe in our care and feel able to respond to any behaviour that is unacceptable. All persons will be supported to safely disclose or report risks of harm. We will act immediately in relation to any reports of abuse and ensure they are reported to regulatory authorities where necessary.

Give voice

We will actively support our clients to voice their opinions, concerns and complaints including complaints against MCCG. We will respectfully listen and take their input, concerns or complaints seriously.

Safe and inclusive environment

We will ensure that our physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing. We will provide a safe and inclusive environment for all children and young people including those from a diverse mix of cultures, backgrounds and life experiences.

Staff and volunteers

We will ensure that all workers whom we engage have been appropriately screened and have the skills to work safely and positively with children and young people

Include our clients in decisions

We will actively seek input and feedback from children and young people and empower them to participate in decisions affecting their lives or care.

Cultural safety

We will support the cultural safety all children and young people, including First Nations people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

Policies and procedures

We will regularly review and improve our policies and procedures to promote and uphold safeguarding.

Family and community

Where it is safe to do so, we will involve families and communities in our approach to safeguarding.