



# St Peter's Child Safety Policy (student version)



Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from unsafe behaviours.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at your school or anywhere else in the community.

## Introduction

Keeping children safe is a priority at St Peter's. The school helps and looks after all students; old and young, students with different beliefs and different backgrounds. The school has many ways to keep us from harm.



## Purpose

St Peter's staff have committed to keep children safe. This means that children at our school feel safe and not worried or scared that something bad will happen to them. The teachers and staff in the school know what to do if a student says that they feel unsafe.

## We Believe...

- ★ Everyone must be treated equally and with respect
  - ★ Everyone has the right to feel safe and happy
- ★ Parents and teachers want their children to feel safe at all times
  - ★ Adults and young people should have honest, respectful and trusting relationships
- ★ Everybody should agree to follow the rules to keep us safe.

## Commitment to Child Safety

All students and young people attending St Peter's School have the right to feel safe.

The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is an important responsibility of our school. The school does not tolerate bullying or any kind of unsafe behaviour.

## Managing Risks

St Peter's School knows that it is important to keep our school safe. The school looks for problems or things that might be unsafe and then if there are any problems the school will fix them straight away. We should always tell someone if we see a risk.

## Code of Conduct

St Peter's School makes sure there is a Code of Conduct for all teachers, leaders, learning support and office staff, Father Andrew, emergency teachers, parent helpers, and other volunteers and workers, that clearly outlines the behaviour that they need to show.

This Code of Conduct is available on the school website and in the office.



## Hiring Staff and Staff Training

Before employing teachers and workers, St Peter's checks the background to see if the person is suitable to work with children.

Some of the things the school does to make sure they are right for the school are:

- ★ Check if there is a police criminal record
- ★ Make sure that they sign the Code of Conduct
- ★ Make sure they follow the rules
- ★ Check that they have a Working with Children Check
- ★ See what they did for their last job

★ Talk to the people that worked with them last to see if they're safe people

Once they have settled into St Peter's, staff get more information and training about child safety and keeping kids safe.

## Inclusion and Empowerment for all Students and Young People

All the staff, teachers and student leaders at our school help kids understand that they have a right to feel safe and secure. Classroom activities like SEL lessons help us understand how to feel safe. All students have a right to express their opinion and have the right to be heard.



## What to do if you feel unsafe

### At St Peter's:

- ★ students can tell a staff member if they feel unsafe.
- ★ students should not be scared to talk to staff when they feel unsafe
- ★ students should not be scared to tell a staff member if their friend feels unsafe
- ★ staff will listen and take action to help students
- ★ there are displays and posters in the school informing us what we can do if we feel unsafe.

## Valuing Differences

St Peter's School values differences and does not put up with any kind of teasing because people are different.

The school helps and looks after ALL students:

- ★ students with different cultural backgrounds
- ★ students that are different shapes and sizes
- ★ students with different beliefs
- ★ students that like different things
- ★ students that have different abilities

Students at St Peter's School can speak up.

We have a Voice!

We know who to talk to!

*St Peter's is a Child Safe School*

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