

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Monmia Primary School



MONMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
- Learn and Achieve -

This statement was last ratified by School Council in: August, 2016
School Council President: Mary Papaioannou

Purpose

The Monmia Primary School community is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

The Monmia Primary School community is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard in relation to decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Indigenous children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in the Monmia Primary School community has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Principles

PRINCIPLES FOR CHILD SAFETY

- Ensure all students understand they have a right to feel safe and be protected from all forms of abuse and neglect
- Provide a comprehensive education in all aspects of personal safety, in collaboration with parents/guardians
- Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
- Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues
- Work in partnership with families and the community to engage in open communications that have an impact on child safety and protection
- Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety as the highest priority
- Provide policies, guidelines and codes of conduct for the care, wellbeing and protection of students
- Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development
- Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities
- Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk

Review Year

This statement will be reviewed each year as a part of the school's annual strategic planning processes.