

# Child Safe Standards



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Education Sub-Committee has been working on a number of policies that fall under the umbrella of the new Child Safe Standards.

Bonbeach PS is committed to the safety and well being of all its students. There are 7 Child Safe Standards that must be met by the end of 2016. The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

The 7 Standards are:

1. Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
2. A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
3. A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
4. Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
5. Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Over the coming weeks, I will be giving an overview of each of these standards in the newsletter.

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