

## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

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### STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY AND CHILD SAFETY PRINCIPLES

Carranballac P-9 College is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. Carranballac P-9 College is committed to implementing [Ministerial Order 1359](#) which sets out how the Victorian Child Safe Standards apply in school environments.

We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students.

We have **zero tolerance** for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments. **Corporal punishment is prohibited in our school and will not be used under any circumstances.**

We promote positive relationships between students and adults and between students and their peers. These relationships are based on trust and respect. We take proactive steps to identify and manage any risk of harm to students in our school environment. When child safety concerns are raised or identified, we treat these seriously and respond promptly and thoroughly.

Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) and other students experiencing risk or vulnerability. Inappropriate or harmful behaviour targeting students based on these or other characteristics, such as racism or homophobia, are not tolerated at our school, and any instances identified will be addressed with appropriate consequences.

Child safety is a shared responsibility. Every person involved in our school has an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and promptly raising any issues or concerns about a child's safety.

We are committed to regularly reviewing our child safe practices, and seeking input from our students, families, staff, and volunteers to inform our ongoing strategies.

To successfully embed a culture of child safety, Carranballac P-9 College has open and transparent processes shared by all members of the school community, (including school employees, contractors and volunteers), parents and families, visitors and students.