

Springvale Rise Primary School

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Definition: Child Safety refers to all aspects of a child's welfare. Child abuse includes physical, emotional, social and psychological factors that may impact on a child's welfare.

Rationale: Springvale Rise Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment that is caring, supportive and encourages students, staff, parents and the wider community to have a 'voice'. Springvale Rise PS has a zero tolerance approach to child abuse and/ or neglect in all areas of the school including off site activities and on line environments eg. Camps, excursions and the internet. All children have the right to feel safe, at all times.

Aims:

1. A commitment to the safety of students from culturally diverse backgrounds that is monitored, recorded and reviewed on an annual basis
2. A commitment to the safety and well-being of students with disabilities that is monitored, recorded and reviewed on an annual basis
3. Child Safety Standards will be adhered to at all times. Reporting protocols to Child Protection, DH&S, the Principal, the School Welfare Officer, the School Council President and parents will be regularly revisited / revised and reviewed
4. Acceptable behaviours include:
 - Following school rules
 - Speaking politely
 - Respecting individual differencesUnacceptable behaviours include
 - Bullying / harassment
 - Exclusion
 - Physical harassment
 - Inappropriate use of the internet
5. Ensure all staff are up to date with Mandatory Reporting PD / guidelines
6. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children
7. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to authorities
9. Support /assist students who disclose child abuse during the report and follow up afterwards with continued support as deemed necessary.
10. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children are at risk
11. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers
12. Regular newsletter reminders that Springvale Rise PS is a zero tolerance of child abuse and Child Safety focused school
13. New staff, visitors, contractors and visitors will be advised as part of the induction process.

Implementation:

- Class programs
- Via newsletter
- School Discipline Policy
- School Values / Mission statements

School based personnel include:

School Council President : Sean O'Reilly
Acting Principal : Deb Cottier
Campus principal : Jen Clancy
Campus Principal : Gary Tippet
Welfare Officer : Tarryn Faithful

Evaluation:

- Parent Opinion Survey
- Staff Opinion Survey
- Attitudes to School (Students)
- Student Representative Council

This policy was ratified by School Council in

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