



Holy Trinity Parish's commitment to the safety of children and young people.

The Catholic Church believes that every human life is sacred and valuable, and this belief is central to the Gospel message. This view of human dignity is the basis for building a better society. Accordingly, the Church holds a moral, legal, and mission-driven responsibility to foster environments where children are respected, heard, and safe. Preventing child abuse requires proactive policies, procedures, and practices aligned with Victorian Child Safe Standards.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All involved in the Church must understand their role in ensuring children's safety and dignity, promoting their fundamental right to a nurturing and safe environment.

We are committed to ensuring that all people who have, or may be expected to have, contact with children and young people acknowledge their responsibility to safeguard children and young people from abuse and discrimination.

We acknowledge and welcome diversity in our Church community. We recognize the importance of cultural safety and inclusion, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, those from diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and diverse sexuality. We are sensitive to the impact that these factors may have on child safety.

We are committed to creating a child-safe culture across the Archdiocese that acts to safeguard children and young people from all forms of abuse.

We are committed to zero tolerance of all forms of child abuse and discrimination, and will always act to safeguard children and young people and report suspected abuse promptly to the appropriate authorities.

We strive to prevent abuse and respond effectively and pastorally when it occurs, fostering a child-safe culture across the Archdiocese. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne sets clear behavioral expectations to protect children and address allegations seriously and responsibly.

We are committed to ensuring the safety, dignity, and development of every child and young person in a caring and supportive Church environment.

Signature:

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