



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Thank you for choosing our Parish Space for your Activity



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility!

https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/

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Prevention, Healing and Support

Information for Keeping Kids Safe:

eSafety Commissioner - Online safety

https://www.esafety.gov.au

Headspace

https://headspace.org.au/

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Lifeline Australia 13 11 14

National Office for Child Safety

https://www.childsafety.gov.au

National Voice for Aboriginal and Torres

Straits Islander Children

https://www.snaicc.org.au

Child Safe Organisations

https://childsafeforum.org.au

Interpreter Services

https://www.tisnational.gov.au

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Did you know



The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

Act with Justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person

Act with Justice and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount

And it is to Love tenderly, as we accept all who come to the Diocece of Parramatta from all walks of life, cultures, and abilities

Love tenderly, as we accept any person for who they are and where they are at in their lives

Love tenderly, as we look after and prioritise children and care for those who may be in a difficult situation or at risk of harm for whatever reason

Love tenderly, as we are servants of the Church, and our role is to walk beside you and support you

And acknowledge

The traditional custodians of the land in which the Diocece of Parramatta sits - the Darug and Gundungurra people

The lifelong trauma of abuse victims and those failures of the Church to protect children and all adults at risk

The diversity of many cultural groups that reside in Parramatta, creating a kaleidoscope of diversity and beliefs that are valued and respected

And celebrate the talents and gifts of the community and families of all abilities

And promote

The principles of Catholic social teaching of dignity, respect, association, participation, support for the vulnerable, solidarity, stewardship, subsidiarity, equality and the principle of the common good.

"This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

COMMITTMENT TO CHILD SAFETY



Reminding a child that they have a right to feel safe and to speak up if they're feeling worried or unsafe is one of the most important lessons we can teach a child or young person. It may not always be easy to talk about safety, but it's a crucial conversation to have with a child or young person!

Child safe scheme

A child safe organisation/entity is one where the work includes working with children, young people, and vulnerable adults, and where organisational culture, strategies and actions promote child wellbeing and prevent harm to children and young people.

All child safe organisations/entities in NSW are required to apply the NSW Child Safe Standards to better prevent and respond to child abuse. The Child Safe Standards are a framework that identifies the ten standards that work together to make organisations/entities safer for children and young people.

Organisations/Entities under the Child Safe Scheme must demonstrate their commitment to child safety by having child safe processes, policies and systems, in place, based on the Child Safe Standards.

Ensuring that a safe physical environment is maintained for children, young people and adults at risk

Standard 8: Safe physical and online environment

Thank you for choosing this space for your activity. Please use this guide to ensure all your activities in this space protect children, young people and adults at risk.

Physical and online environments promote safety and contain appropriate safeguarding to minimise the opportunity for children and adults to be harmed.

Australian Catholic Standards Limited

We hope this guide introduces you to the Parramatta Way of Safeguarding. It was developed to highlight your responsibility to comply with all state child protection laws including working with children checks should your activity involve children. Hiring Church Facilities Policy (Diocese of Parramatta)

Did You Know?

- empowering children and young people by reflecting attitudes and behaviours that respect their dignity and are inclusive
- equipping parish leaders with information, support and advice that promote best practice in child safety
- Parish Safeguarding Champions who act as a resource and point of contact
- ensuring all clergy, staff and volunteers attend ongoing professional development including child safety (Safeguarding) training
- ensuring all clergy, staff and volunteers who work directly with children have a Working With Children Check
- safe physical and online environments
- a Diocesan Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy which outline expected clergy, staff and volunteer behaviours when working with children and young people
- Clear complaints handling policy and procedures
- promoting information about child safety on our website and in all parishes
- Monitoring and regular review of child safety processes and procedures

For more information on Diocesan Safeguarding <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>