Student Protection Policy

Rationale
Abused children are among the most powerless people in our midst. These children have a right to expect from us, protection from spiritual, psychological and physical harm. As adults in the Catholic Community, personal effort as well as community support will be given to protect these children.

While parents are the primary educators of their children, this policy is an expression of Saint Joseph’s Primary School’s partnership with parents in providing for the safety and protection of all children.

Values
Saint Joseph’s Primary School expresses a strong belief in the dignity of the person, respect of the person and responsibility of care of others.

Policy Statement
Adults who are in positions of responsibility for children at Saint Joseph’s Primary School will recognise and act upon their moral obligation to care for those children.

Saint Joseph’s Primary School believe in the dignity of the human person. We will make every effort to ensure that children who are being abused will be supported and helped.

Saint Joseph’s Primary School will provide opportunities for all our children to learn to protect themselves. Personal safety education is an essential part of the school’s curriculum.

Consequences
- All staff and volunteers will have the opportunity for professional development in student protection including response procedures.
- All students will have opportunities to develop their own understanding of student protection and ways to keep themselves safe.
- All parents will have opportunities to understand how the school satisfies the student protection requirements for Toowoomba Catholic Education Schools.

Associated Documents
1. Toowoomba Catholic Education Intranet Site: https://ceo.twb.catholic.edu.au (Link to Student Protection)
2. Student Protection Manual & Website: www.education.qld.gov.au (/publication/production/reports)
3. Staff Handbook
4. Blue Card Register
5. Risk Assessment documents

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