



LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Statement of Commitment

Loch Primary School Commitment to Child Safety

Loch Primary School is committed to the safety and well being of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision making with particular attention upon the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and /or linguistically diverse back grounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability and vulnerable children.

Loch Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with robust policies and procedures. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety which we follow rigorously.

Loch Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Every person involved in Loch Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he /she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Loch Primary School will implement the Child Safe Standards to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students at the school and promote an organisational culture that manages the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Our school has developed policies and procedures that aim to keep children safe. We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

Implementation:

In its planning, decision-making and operations Loch Primary School will

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development;
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues;
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities;
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk; and
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed in consultation with the whole school community as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

<p>This policy was last updated on Monday 18th December and is scheduled for review in December 2020. School Council was presented with this policy in February 2019.</p>
