



CHILD SAFETY STATEMENT

As a Christian organisation which holds firmly to the understanding that all humanity is created in the image of God, we hold to be an undeniable truth that all people - regardless of age, sex, religion, economic status, intellectual capacity or educational attainment – have an inherent dignity, not for what they can do but for who they are. As a result we reaffirm that we have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and, in particular, child abuse in its various aberrations.

We all have the right to feel safe at all times. Your body belongs to you and you have the right to say what happens to it. You always have the right to say “no” to situations that make you feel unsafe or scared.

If you do not feel safe, or someone has done something to you that made you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, please tell someone that you trust - a teacher, the chaplain or staff member. There is no situation so awful that you can't tell someone about it. The adult will listen to you and do all they can to keep you safe.

THINK “NO - GO - TELL” :

NO - say “no” to the person and be clear about it

GO - when it is safe to do so, go find a trusted adult

TELL - talk to the trusted adult and tell them what has happened. They will help you.

The Kids Helpline is also available as a place you can call and speak to someone for help:
www.kidshelpline.com.au or 1800 55 1800

Tech Safety

- Never post your personal information, such as a mobile phone number, home number, home address, or your location on any social networking site or through mobile apps like Snapchat or Instagram.
- Never meet in person with anyone you first “met” on the internet or through a social media app. If someone asks to meet you, tell your parents or guardian right away. Some people may not be who they say they are.
- Check with your parents before you post pictures of yourself or others online. Do not post inappropriate pictures of anyone.
- If someone asks you to send them an inappropriate or private photograph via mobile phone or the internet say “no” and tell a trusted adult this has happened. Remember that once you send or post an image of yourself anywhere it can be forwarded on and you have no control over where it goes and who sees it.

Always use the privacy settings of social networking sites.