



ST PAUL APOSTLE PARISH CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2019

The Catholic Community of St Paul Apostle Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people.

We value the dignity of each individual and take responsibility for our role in keeping children and young people safe.

May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult

The proposed national standards therefore represent 'best practice' and should serve as a minimum for all organisations that want to protect children; that want to be 'child safe'.

These standards are:

- Standard 1:** Child safety is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture
- Standard 2:** Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
- Standard 3:** Families and communities are informed and involved
- Standard 4:** Equity is upheld and diverse needs are taken into account
- Standard 5:** People working with children are suitable and supported
- Standard 6:** Processes to respond to complaints of child sexual abuse are child focused
- Standard 7:** Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training.
- Standard 8:** Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur
- Standard 9:** Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved
- Standard 10:** Policies and procedures document how the organisation is child safe

Our Code of Conduct:

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them,



for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Our Parish Code of Conduct is signed by:

Parish Team;
Parish Pastoral Council;
Children's Liturgy Volunteers;
Parish Tennis Club & Netball Club;
Leaders, Coaches and Drivers;
ASRE catechists; and
Youth Leaders

Soon you will find our updated policies on the Parish website

In addition, all involved in volunteering in any aspect of parish life should have a Working with Children Check which is renewable every 5 years

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PROVIDED ONE

PARISH CHILD SAFETY GROUP:

The Parish has in place a child safety group which meets on a needs basis.

Members are: Mark Rolfe, (High School Teacher)
Beryl Barnfield (Baptism Prep);
Sabrina Casse (Tennis Club);
Monica Tissara (Community of Parish);
Helen Sanders (After School Religious Education)
Sadhani Mendis (Children's Liturgy),
Netball Club Representative
Sr Brigid (Child Protection Co-ordinator)

As in everything,
we take our cue
from the Gospel

