



CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

# CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

The Archdiocese is committed to creating a safe environment and instituting procedures to prevent abuse whilst responding to allegations and disclosures of abuse.

All children and vulnerable people have a right to safety and freedom from abuse of any kind.

All adults working with children and vulnerable people have a responsibility to care for them, to promote their wellbeing and to protect them from any form of abuse.

The integrity of the family unit is respected but not to the detriment of the child or vulnerable person and the right of the child or vulnerable person to be heard.

The dignity of persons involved in situations where abuse is suspected or disclosed should be respected; they should be treated with fairness, sensitivity, dignity and respect. In the interests of justice, appropriate confidentiality must be maintained, with information that relates to suspected or disclosed abuse being provided only to those who have a right or a need to be informed.

When any action is taken to prevent or respond to any type of abuse, the welfare and wellbeing of the child or vulnerable person is the primary concern.