



Student Version - Child Safe Policy

Corpus Christi Primary School, Werribee



Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from unsafe behaviours.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family anyone at your school or anywhere else in the community.



Introduction

Our school will do anything to keep children safe. The school helps and looks after all students; old and young, students with different beliefs and different backgrounds. The school has many ways to keep us from harm.



Purpose

Corpus Christi teachers have committed to keep children safe. This means that kids at our school feel safe and not worried or scared that something bad will happen to them. The teachers and staff in the school know what to do if a student says that they feel unsafe.



We believe...

- Everyone must be treated equally and with respect
- Everyone has the right to feel safe and happy
- Parents and teachers want their children to feel safe at all times
- Adults and young people should have honest, respectful and trusting relationships
- Everybody should agree to follow the rules to keep us safe.



Commitment to Child Safety

All students and young people attending Corpus Christi Primary School have the right to feel safe.

The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is an important responsibility of our school.

The school does not tolerate bullying or any kind of unsafe behaviour.



Risk Management

Corpus Christi Primary School knows that it is important to keep our school safe.

The school looks for problems or things that might be unsafe and then if there are any problems the school will fix them straight away.

We should always tell someone if we see a risk.



Code of Conduct

Corpus Christi Primary School makes sure there is a Code of Conduct for all teachers, leaders, learning support and office staff, Father Anil and Father Albert, emergency teachers, parent helpers, and other volunteers and workers, that clearly outlines the behaviour that they need to show.

This Code of Conduct is available on the school website and in the office.



Hiring Staff and Staff Training

Before employing teachers and workers, Corpus Christi checks the background to see if the person is suitable to work with children.

Some of the things the school does to make sure they are right for the school are:

- Check if there is a police criminal record
- Make sure that they sign the Code of Conduct
- Make sure they are nice to kids and follow the rules as well
- Check that they have a Working with Children Check
- See what they did for their last job
- Talk to the people that worked with them last to see if they're safe people



Once they have settled into Corpus Christi, staff get more information and training about child safety and keeping kids safe.

Inclusion and Empowerment for all Students and Young People

All the staff, teachers and student leaders at our school help kids understand that they have a right to feel safe and secure.

Classroom activities like Wellbeing Lessons and Circle Time help us understand how to feel safe.

All students have a right to express their opinion and have the right to be heard.



What to do if you feel unsafe

At Corpus Christi,

- Students can tell a staff member if they feel unsafe
- Students should not be scared to talk to staff when they feel unsafe
- Students should not be scared to tell a staff member if their friend feels unsafe
- Staff will listen and take action to help students
- There are displays and posters in the school informing us what we can do if we feel unsafe.



Students at Corpus Christi School
can speak up.

We have a Voice!

We know who to talk to!

A pink speech bubble with a white border and a tail pointing towards the bottom left. It contains the text "I don't feel safe." in white, bold, sans-serif font, with yellow quotation marks.

**"I don't
feel safe."**

An orange speech bubble with a white border and a tail pointing towards the bottom right. It contains the text "It's OK to tell and I can help." in white, bold, sans-serif font, with blue quotation marks.

**"It's OK to
tell and I
can help."**

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.

**For Students, please call:
1800 551 800 (Kids Helpline)
In an emergency, always contact 000
for emergency services**



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

For Parents

1800 991 099 (Child Wise Helpline)

**131 278 (Child Protection
Crisis Line)**

1300 138 180 (Child First)



Valuing Differences

Corpus Christi Primary School values differences and does not put up with any kind of teasing because people are different.

The school helps and looks after **ALL** students;

- students with different cultural backgrounds
- students that are different shapes and sizes
- students with different beliefs
- students that like different things
- students that have different abilities



Corpus Christi is a Child Safe School

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