

CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact School Administration.

PURPOSE

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ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS

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UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS

As Warringa Park School, staff, volunteers, contractors and member of our school community involved in child connected work we must not:

- ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions or disclosures of child abuse or harm
- develop a relationship with any student that could be seen as favouritism or amount to 'grooming' behaviour (for example, by offering gifts)
- display behaviours or engage with students in ways that are not justified by the educational or professional context
- ignore an adult's overly familiar or inappropriate behaviour towards a student
- discuss intimate topics or use sexualised language, except when needed to deliver the school curriculum or professional guidance
- treat a child or student unfavourably because of their disability, age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability, sexuality or ethnicity
- communicate directly with a student through personal or private contact channels (including by social media, email, instant messaging, texting etc) except where that communication is reasonable in all the circumstances, related to schoolwork or extra-curricular activities or where there is a safety concern or other urgent matter
- photograph or video a child or student in a school environment except in accordance with the [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy](#) or where required for duty of care purposes
- consume alcohol against school policy or take illicit drugs in the school environment or at school events where students are present
- have contact with any student outside of school hours except when needed to deliver the school curriculum or professional guidance and parental permission has been sought.

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BREACHES TO THE CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT

All Warringa Park School staff, volunteers, contractors and any other member of the school community involved in child-connected work who breach this Child Safety Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary procedures in accordance with their employment agreement or relevant industrial instrument, professional code or terms of engagement.

In instances where a reportable allegation has been made, the matter will be managed in accordance with the Department of Education and Training Reportable Conduct Scheme Policy and may be subject to referral to Victoria Police.

All breaches and suspected breaches of the Warringa Park School Child Safety Code of Conduct must be reported to the principal on 03 9749 5774 or 03 7002 5900

If the breach or suspected breach relates to the principal, contact relevant regional office (South-Western) on 1800 338 663.

APPROVAL AND REVIEW

Created date	June 2024
Consultation	Student Council, School Staff, SRC and ongoing consultation with the school community through our school website.
Endorsed by	Principal and School Council
Endorsed on	24 th June 2024
Next review date	June 2026

I have read and accepted the Child safety Code of Conduct	
Print your name	
Sign your name	
Date	
WWC and/or VIT Number (if you have one)	

Please circle: Permanent staff Contractor/Visitor Volunteer CRT Placement

