



Catholic College Sale presents...



The Child Protection Policy Student Version

Purpose and Vision:

The students of Catholic College Sale are invested in ensuring a safe and protected environment within the **school**. Our version of this policy seeks to:

- Work within the legislation governing this area;
- Explain to students in clear English what **Child Abuse** is;
- Make clear that no form of child abuse is acceptable or tolerated;
- Give clear guidance as to where **help and support can be obtained**;
- Make clear that anyone who thinks some form of child abuse is occurring to themselves or to another person can report this and help will be provided;
- Explain that all adults in our school can help, but there is also **Child Safe Officers** within our school; and
- Promote the Policy we have created.

What do the key words mean in the purpose?

“Within the school”

This includes:

- in our school buildings and yard;
- On School camps and immersions;
- On School excursions and sports events;
- Our online community including email/website and Simon;



“Child Abuse”

This can include:

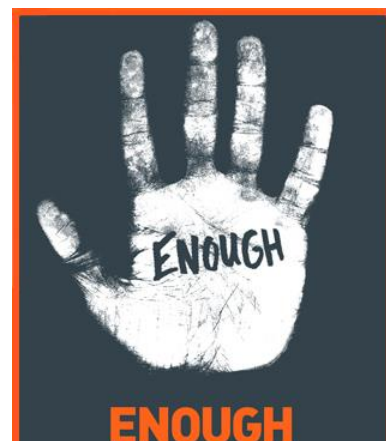
Sexual Assault: Words or touching that make you feel uncomfortable, embarrassed or upset or that is illegal. It could also include the use of words that refer to sex, receiving or being asked for photographs which reveal male or female genitals, kissing which is unwanted, touch on the mouth and threats about touching that results in fear or fright.

Grooming: This is when an adult treats you in an overly friendly manner because they want to sexually assault you at a later time.

The “Grooming behaviours” picture can give you some examples to help you to spot this:

But these are not the only signs.

We want you to be aware.



GROOMING BEHAVIORS

Before children are sexually abused, they are often groomed by abusers. Do you know the signs?

Special attention or gifts
Isolating the child from others
Filling needs and roles within the family



Treating the child as if he or she is older

Gradually crossing physical boundaries, even in public

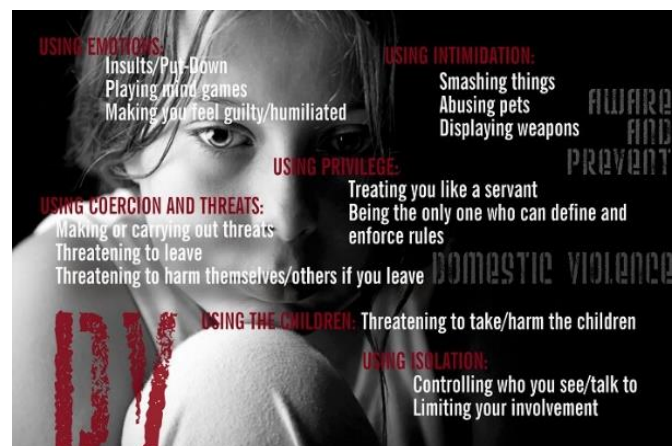
Learn the signs, stop the abuse.



Physical Violence: When a person hurts you and causes pain by their actions. This could include punching, or grabbing roughly or using an item to hit you.

Serious Emotional or Psychological Harm:

This can occur when a person constantly says mean things, which makes the person feel sad, afraid or anxious. Just a few examples of this are included in this picture:



Serious Neglect: It is a form of child abuse when a child is not properly cared for or looked after either at home or at school. This can include not being given food, shelter, clothing and sufficient attention.

Seeing family violence or being around after it has occurred:

It is a form of abuse for a child to be in the same house when one family member is hurting another or when they have to be around afterwards when it is being cleaned up.



How can this policy and Catholic College Sale help?

The Staff and Students of Catholic Sale are committed to:

- Protecting all children from all forms of abuse.
- Providing advice and information on what child abuse is.
- Having a policy of zero tolerance towards child abuse.
- Following all laws and providing a safe place for students attend school.
- Offering immediate assistance and referral for any student seeking assistance as a result of child abuse.
- Allowing all students to be listened to and respected.
- Ensuring up-to-date policies which are easy to find and read and are understood by all.



Who is responsible for making sure Children are protected from abuse?

Child Protection is the responsibility of every person at Catholic College Sale and this student-friendly policy is supported by:



Your Leadership Team

This includes the Principal, Mr Chris Randell, who makes sure this policy is available to all students and who upholds the culture of child protection within the College.



Mr Randell and the leadership team also ensure that **every member** of the Catholic College Team understands the policies of Child Protection and can respond to any incidents. This not only includes teachers and other staff members but also Visitors to the school, Volunteers, Contractors and External people to the school who provide Educational Assistance.

Child Protection Committee Members

A number of staff members known to you are the school's authorised Child Protection Officers. These members have received special training and regularly meet to deal with any child protection issues. You can speak to any of them about any concerns you have for your safety within the College. They also assist to keep up to date Child Protection Policies.

Reports of Child Abuse can be made to the following Officers at any time:

CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS



*Chris Randell
Principal*



*Jim Sutton
Campus Director
St. Patrick's*



*Jayne Holland
Administration Manager*



*Jacinta Werner
Librarian*



*Josh Stubbe
Teacher*



*Megan Stanbridge
College Counsellor*



*Mary McNally
College Counsellor*

What will happen if I make a report?

1. Firstly remember this is not your fault, tell an adult you can trust whether this is happening to you or one of your friends.
2. You will be helped. Every adult in our school understands that assistance must be provided.
3. The adult may by law need to notify DHHS, the Police to help prevent any further abuse.

Remember... every student has a right to be safe and protected and this policy helps to achieve this.