

Child Safety

POLICY



Airly Primary School embraces the values of Respect, Attitude, Co-operation and Environment. We aim to provide a safe, caring & engaging learning environment that equips children with the necessary skills & knowledge to become positive & active contributors to the local & global community, ensuring their ability to thrive & be safe, even outside of school hours. In support of this

At Airly Primary School, we have a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Rationale:

All Victorian schools are required to have a child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety that details:

- the principles that will guide the school in developing policies and procedures to create and maintain a child safe school environment; and
- the actions the school proposes to take to:
- demonstrate its commitment to child safety and monitor the school's adherence to its child safety policy;
- support, encourage and enable school staff, parents, and children to understand, identify, discuss and report child safety matters; and
- support or assist children who disclose child abuse, or are otherwise linked to suspected child abuse.
- Ensure that child safety is considered in the recruitment, selection and management of staff (includes contractors and volunteers)

Ministerial Order No. 870 (available at www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafes) states that Child abuse includes –

- Any act committed against a child involving –
 - A sexual offence or
 - An offence under section 49 B (2) of the *Crimes Act 1958* (grooming)
- The infliction, on a child, of –
 - Physical violence or
 - Serious emotional or psychological harm
- Serious neglect of a child.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was ratified at Airly Primary School Council's meeting held on:

August 14, 2017