

OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

We are entrusted by parents with the care of their children, who are precious in the sight of God.

The care and protection of all people within NT Christian Schools is central to every aspect of our operation.

We believe that our schools, programs, entities and learning communities, must be places where, in witnessing for Christ, we strongly demonstrate a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all members of the community.

This arises from the understanding that all people are made in God's image and are entitled to be treated with respect and care.

Children are particularly vulnerable to harm. God calls us to be especially mindful of striving to protect children from harm.

All schools and entities operating under the governance of NT Christian Schools are responsible for providing a safe environment for children and young people; and providing education and care which fosters their spirituality, health and development needs, self-respect and dignity.

The following NT Christian Schools policies relevant to *Child Safety and Wellbeing* are available on our websites or from your local campus office:

- Child Protection Policy
- Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Parent, Volunteer, Visitor and Contractor Code of Conduct
- Privacy Policy
- Protected Disclosures (Whistleblower) Policy

THE CARE AND PROECTION OF CHILDREN FROM ANY KIND OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVOLVES:

- Providing a safe and transparent environment for children as well as staff, volunteers and others operating within the NT Christian Schools community;
- Preventing harm, as is reasonably possible, to a child or any person within the NT Christian Schools community.
- Dealing seriously with any reports that a child or person is at risk of harm in a prompt and appropriate manner;
- Educating the children in our care concerning their rights and equipping them with appropriate skills for avoiding uncomfortable or abusive situations, and how to report them if they do happen;
- Training staff and adults engaging with activities of NT Christian Schools to recognise and appropriately deal with, and report situations where a child or person may be at risk of harm.

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