

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Persons

At St Peter Apostle Mission Parish we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of all persons as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

We acknowledge that children, young people and vulnerable adults may require additional safeguards to promote their safety and wellbeing and to be safe, happy and empowered.

Our Parish clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons, and participating in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond effectively if abuse does occur. At our Parish we strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church which enables its people to grow and develop in their faith free from abuse, harm and neglect.

Our Parish complies with the Victorian Child Safe Standards (CSS) and the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding Children and Young People (SC) Policy and has in place procedures and practices developed to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe from harm, including all forms of abuse in our parish environment, on site, online and in other locations used by the parish. Our approach aims to ensure that every person involved in our Parish understands and acknowledges their responsibility to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults from abuse and discrimination and to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Documents and Links

SC-CSS1&2 St Peter's Statement of Commitment Dec 2019

[Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne: Church in Melbourne, Australia > Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Persons](#)

SC-CSS7 Childrens Code of Conduct Primary Dec 2019

SC-CSS7 Childrens Code of Conduct Secondary Dec 2019

[CSS-2b-PARISH-Child-Safety-Policy-Jan-17.pdf](#) Opens in a new window

[CSS-3-CAM-Child-Safety-Code-of-Conduct-Jan-2017.pdf](#) Opens in a new window

[CSS-5-Child-Protection-Reporting-Procedure-St-Peter-Apostle-Mission-Parish-Jan-17.pdf](#) Opens in a new window

[Child safety reporting procedure flow chart \(Parish Poster - Flowchart-FINAL.pdf\)](#)

Please note these materials are currently under review in light of recent legislative amendments regarding the reporting requirements imposed on Heads of Entities. In the interim, as the new requirements will be in addition to our current reporting arrangements and will only affect the responses required of the Heads of Entities, these materials may continue to be relied upon.