



The Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart and St Columba

*Our Parish is a Christian community which welcomes all to walk together
in a spirit of compassion, justice and hope.*

*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity
of all children and vulnerable adults.*

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Commission for Children and Young People (CYYP)

Tips for creating culturally safe environments

Reconciliation Week is a great time to think about cultural safety and how you're making your organisation safe for Aboriginal children and young people.

Creating culturally safe environments is a requirement of Child Safe Standards 1. There are many ways to create a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal children and young people.

This work involves creating safe physical and online spaces, engaging families and the broader community as well as Aboriginal children and young people.

Tips to help you get started:

- Displaying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, an Acknowledgement of Country and Traditional Owners of the land your organisation sits on, and Aboriginal artwork and designs.
- Downloading the eSafety Commissioner's resource '[Cool, beautiful, strange and scary](#)', which talks about the online experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their parents and caregivers.
- Developing a calendar and celebrating [important dates](#) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in online and print communication, such as newsletters and posters.

Our Parish has a strong tradition of providing a safe, welcoming environment for those who are vulnerable and marginalised. The work that has been undertaken over the years goes a long way to meet the requirements of Child Safe Standards 1 but there is always room for improvement.

Our Safeguarding Committee will incorporate relevant parts of the 'Cool, beautiful, strange and scary' resource into our Safeguarding practices and will share the attached 'Days of Importance for Aboriginal Communities' with the Liturgy committee.

We respectfully acknowledge the Yaluk-ut Weelam clan of the Boonwurrung Nation who are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land.