



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.*

Safeguarding Report for 5 December 2024 PLDT meeting

Archdiocese Safeguarding Unit

New Safeguarding Children and Young People Resources are now available on SharePoint.

All Safeguarding documents and resources are now located on the recently developed SharePoint site. Information sheets have been merged and the content simplified and anyone with a 'cam.org.au' email address can access it.

The following user-friendly information sheets, guidebooks and templates have been developed:

- The Safeguarding Risk Management Process,
- Church Personnel Safeguarding Guidelines,
- The Working with Children Check Protocol,
- The National Police Check (Police Record Check) Information Sheet,
- Empowerment and Participation of Young People Information Sheet,
- The Safeguarding Statement of Commitment Template, and
- The Safe Programs: Practice & Behavioural Guidelines.

Updated Self-Assessment Tool

The Safeguarding Committee have met to discuss our first draft of the updated self assessment tool. Fundamentally, we are well placed with evidence but there are a range of new areas where we have identified information / procedures to update / implement.

Before the end of the year, the Safeguarding Committee will complete the Commission for Children and Young People's 'Understanding cultural safety for Aboriginal children and young people' tool. Well informed practice for supporting our Indigenous community is an increased part of the self assessment tool. For our Parish, we can also use this tool as the basis of our practice for other marginalised groups.

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