



# ***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 2023 PLDT meeting**

### **Parish Risk Assessments**

The Safeguarding Committee undertook a risk assessment on the concrete area in the school / parish car park.

- There are nine 'concrete squares' that have broken or loose concrete.
- This is an ongoing problem as apparently the area wasn't concreted to car park standard as it wasn't previously used for that purpose.
- Additionally, South East Water alerted the school that the downpipes from the church and the school are old and are contributing to the problem.
- Signs have been put up alerting people to walk carefully and look out for the broken concrete.
- An email has been sent to school families and a note will be included in the parish newsletter.
- Options for a temporary and permanent solution will be sourced.
- Any permanent solutions may have to wait until St Columba Primary School hears in June 2024 if they were successful in their Major Works Application.

We have undertaken risk assessments for the Parish BBQ and Community Christmas Carols Concert.

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

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