



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 7 March 2024 PLDT meeting

Archdiocese Safeguarding Unit

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's Safeguarding Children and Young People (SCYP) Framework version 2.0, is now available. These documents **replace all previous versions**, including the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and the May Our Children Flourish Child Safety Code of Conduct.

The original Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework was released in 2019. The updated version has been created following feedback from stakeholders, a review of critical incidents and to continue to align with current and updated legislation. These documents are reviewed as part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's commitment to continuous improvement to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the most vulnerable members of our community.

The new suite of documents have been streamlined and redesigned with the aim of making them more accessible, fostering a shared understanding and commitment to safeguarding within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The newly released SCYP Framework documents include:

[Safeguarding and Wellbeing of Children and Young People \(SWCYP\) Policy](#)

[Safeguarding Children and Young People \(SCYP\) Code of Conduct](#)

[Safeguarding Children and Young People Reporting Procedure](#)

[Child-Safety Related Misconduct and/or Child Abuse Report Form](#)

[Safeguarding Children and Young People Antidiscrimination and Racism Policy](#)

[Safeguarding Children and Young People Record Keeping Policy](#)

A copy of the new SWCYP Code of Conduct is attached and must be signed by all members of the PLDT and submitted to Jane in the office by Friday 15 March.

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

Parish Safeguarding Committee

The Safeguarding Committee undertook a review of the risk assessments undertaken last year and have developed an action plan for 2024.

The action plan includes:

- Completion of a RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) course by Christine Mitchell.
- Completion of First Aid training by Safeguarding Committee. This will also be offered to the Social Committee.
- Purchase of three hygiene units for the two churches and the office bathrooms.

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