



SAFEGUARDING AND MINISTERIAL INTEGRITY OFFICE

June 2022 Quarterly Newsletter

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Safeguarding News

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL):

In April 2022, ACSL announced that they were in the concluding stages of finalising the 2nd Edition of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS). Changes in NCSS Edition 2 reflect the governments changes in legislation as well as learnings and feedback received from Church entities. Some of the changes that have occurred in Edition 2 are as follows:

- The inclusion of 'adults at risk' into safeguarding policies and practices.
- The reduction of duplicated criteria and indicators.
- Inclusion of new Church protocols.
- Clarification of definitions.

The Safeguarding Office is preparing for the changes and will keep everyone up to date regarding the release of the NCSS Edition 2.

Office of the Children's Guardian:

The Office of the Children's Guardian has released a new 2-part resource which is designed to help identify, manage and mitigate risk of harm.

Part 1 Responding to Risks breaks down risk management and the practical steps organisations need to take to create a Child Safe Risk Management Plan. And *Part 2: Identifying Risk* looks at the different kinds of harm and offenders that exist in child-related settings. Click [here](#) to view the OCG's new Risk Management resources



The month of June we celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This day commemorates the joys and sorrows of the Mother of God, her virtues and perfections, her love for God and her Divine Son and her compassionate love for mankind.



2022 Safeguarding and Child Protection Training

Safeguarding Refresher Training for Volunteers

Just a reminder that the Online Safeguarding Refresher Training for volunteers is available via zoom or online. It is mandatory within the Archdiocese and a requirement in terms of meeting our obligations under the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (Standard 7), that every three years Volunteers complete refresher Safeguarding Training.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> (which is a different link from the other online training registrations) if they wish to complete training online. The Refresher training is also available via Zoom, dates for the Zoom Refresher Training can be accessed via the 2022 training timetable. Volunteers will simply need to register their attendance by emailing safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

Train the Trainer Package for Safeguarding Support Officers

It is a requirement for all PSSO's and CSSO's to attend the 'train the trainer' package, as this package provides support to all PSSO's and CSSO's in presenting the new Refresher Training Package to volunteers in their Communities. Below are the new dates that have been released

- Wednesday 6 July, 10am - 1.15pm
- Thursday 21 July, 10am - 1.15pm
- Wednesday 10 August, 10am - 1.15pm
- Monday 29 August, 10am - 1.15pm

The above sessions will be held via Zoom and face to face in the Polding Centre. To register for the training please email Anna Sammut (safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org) the date you would like to attend as well as if you will be attending via Zoom or face to face.

Working With Children's Week

The Archdiocese is committed to valuing a child-safe culture and supporting Workers to share our mission of providing safe environments for Children. We know that there is more to working with Children than just seeing if our Workers/Volunteers have a WWCC.

Working with Children Week 2022 is celebrated from the 20–26 June and the Safeguarding Office wants to acknowledge all our strong Leaders and Workers who help keep our Children and Young People safe as well as put the interests of Children and Young People first.

Thank You

2022 Child Protection Week Competition - Celebrating Differences in our Community

Child Protection Week is soon approaching and the Safeguarding Office will be developing another Activity Book for the Children within the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Activity Book will provide Children with fun, educative and age appropriate information about celebrating differences within their community. Developing the Activity Book will align with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, 10 National Principles and 10 Child Safe Standards.

We are all different and special in our own way, it is important that we can recognise and celebrate our differences because we are all unique. For example Grace is able to walk with her feet but Jerry has to use a wheelchair to move around.



The Safeguarding Office needs the help of the Children to design characters that celebrates differences and fits the following questions:

- There are many different families within our community. Can you draw the different types of families that you know?
- We all look different from one another. Draw as many characters as you can that all look different from each other. Things to think about: hair colour, skin colour, disability and facial features such as glasses or freckles.

The best and most creative designs will be featured throughout the activity book which will be available to all children within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Designs need to be submitted by an adult to the Safeguarding Office by **Monday 27th June 2022** either by post or email.

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The Safeguarding Office has emailed Parish Priests, Administrators, Chaplains and Safeguarding Support Officers asking to distribute the **'Celebrating Differences in our Community' activity sheet** to Children aged between 5 – 12 years in the community. We look forward to receiving submissions for the communities within the Archdiocese!

Commitment Statement

The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, well-being and dignity of Children is an integral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity of all Children, and acknowledges its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those Children.