

PROTECT

- Protecting children and young people from abuse is our responsibility

The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. As part of the Victorian Government's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by the new PROTECT Child Safe Standards.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

The seven Child Safe Standards are:

1. Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety.
2. A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
3. A child safety code of conduct.
4. Screening, supervision, training and other human resource practices that reduce the risk of child abuse.
5. Procedures for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
7. Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment.

Ormond Primary School staff are aware of their Child Safe responsibilities and they will receive regular and ongoing training and support to successfully implement the PROTECT program.

For more information about PROTECT please follow the link:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/protect/Pages/default.aspx