



# ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Whole School Child Safe Standards Policy

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# ARPS POLICY

### PURPOSE:

- 1.1 Albany Rise Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making, with particular attention paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability/special needs.
- 1.2 Albany Rise Primary School is committed to providing an environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe and their opinions will be taken into account about decisions that affect their lives.
- 1.3 The Albany Rise Primary School community has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they have, to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all young people is at the forefront of all actions and decisions made.

### GUIDELINES:

In its planning, decision making and operations Albany Rise Primary School will:

- 2.1 Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
- 2.2 Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
- 2.3 Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children;
- 2.4 Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
- 2.5 Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
- 2.6 Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe and they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues;
- 2.7 Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities;
- 2.8 Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk;
- 2.9 Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

### Related Documentation:

The following ARPS Policies reflect the protocols and practise outlined in this Whole School Child Safe Standards Policy:

- ARPS eSmart Policy
- ARPS Anti-Harassment Policy



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- ARPS Anti-Bullying Policy
- ARPS Visitors in schools Policy
- ARPS Communication of School Policies, Procedures and Schedule Policy
- ARPS Working with Children Check Policy
- ARPS Duty of Care & On site Supervision Policy

**Principal:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School Council President:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date ratified by School Council:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**To be reviewed:** \_\_\_\_\_