



# ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Code of Conduct

RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

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**All staff, volunteers and board members of Albany Rise Primary School are required to observe child safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children, as noted below.**

**If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.**

All personnel of Albany Rise Primary School are responsible for supporting the safety, participation, wellbeing and empowerment of children by:

- adhering to Albany Rise Primary School child safe policy at all times / upholding Albany Rise Primary School statement of commitment to child safety at all time
- adhering to Albany Rise Primary School Values Statement and Engagement, Inclusion and Wellbeing policy
- taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- treating everyone with respect
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child has been abused and/or are worried about their safety or the safety of another
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children (for example, by never questioning an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child's self-identification)
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having a zero tolerance of discrimination)
- promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of children with a disability (for example, during personal care activities)
- ensuring as far as practicable that adults are not left alone with a child
- reporting any allegations of child abuse to Albany Rise Primary School Child Safety Officer (Principal) and ensure any allegation is reported to the police or child protection
- reporting any child safety concerns to Albany Rise Primary School Child Safety Officer (Principal)
- if an allegation of child abuse is made, ensure as quickly as possible that the child(ren) are safe
- encouraging children to 'have a say' and participate in all relevant organisational activities where possible, especially on issues that are important to them.

### **Staff and volunteers must not:**

- develop any 'special' relationships with children that could be seen as favouritism (for example, the offering of gifts or special treatment for specific children except with the knowledge and permission of the school safety officer- eg. Students with special needs)
- exhibit behaviours with children which may be construed as unnecessarily physical
- put children at risk of abuse (for example, by locking doors)



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- do things of a personal nature that a child can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children (for example, personal social activities)
- use inappropriate language in the presence of children
- express personal views on cultures, race or sexuality in the presence of children
- discriminate against any child, including because of culture, race, ethnicity or disability
- as a staff member, have inappropriate contact with a child or their family outside of our organisation
- have any online contact with a child (unless necessary, for example providing families with e-newsletters)
- ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child abuse.

By observing these standards you acknowledge your responsibility to immediately report any breach of this code Albany Rise Child Safety Officer (Principal).

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I agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct:

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

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