



## Child Safe Statement of Commitment

Cranbourne South 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. Cranbourne South Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse. Cranbourne South Primary School is committed to providing a child-safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Koorie\* children and children and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Every person involved in Cranbourne South Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she/they plays individually and collectively to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people, is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

In its planning, decision making and operations, Cranbourne South Primary School will:

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety, led by a Child Safe Officer, team and Principal class.
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives.
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children.
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount.
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children.
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development and training.
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues.
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities.
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk.
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

### Certification

This policy was ratified at the School Council Meeting held at Cranbourne South Primary School on Wednesday 26th October, 2022.

Signed:

Principal

Signed:

School Council President

\*Throughout this document the term Koorie is used to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.