

STUDENT PROTECTION

Any form of harm caused to children or young people by persons in positions of trust and authority is a serious matter. Catholic School authorities are committed to the implementation of student protection strategies and procedures that are intended to prevent harm to students, and to respond quickly and effectively when they suspect or are informed of abuse of any type.

Harm to students can take many forms and this is explained in some depth in the Handbooks in the section of definitions. In Addition, the alleged harm might be caused by:

- A member of the school staff who is a Religious or Priest whether teacher, ancillary staff or connected to the school in some pastoral capacity
- A member of the school staff who is a lay person whether teacher or ancillary staff
- A Fellow-student
- A Volunteer whose presence in the school has been authorised.
- Someone at a distance from the immediate school community such as a parent, friend of family or stranger.
- The student himself or herself.

A complete Handbook is available for all staff to read. Careful reading of this is encouraged.

Purpose of Handbook:

This manual is intended to provide processes and information to foster the attitudes and action that will ensure that all students in catholic schools in Queensland experience appropriate personal care and protection. Implementation of these requirements will fulfil the duty of care each Catholic School Authority has for students.

Note: The manual addresses PROTECTION OF STUDENTS. Other issues, among them Sexual Harassment or Abuse of adults and issues of Workplace Health and Safety occurring in the school setting, are addressed in other documentation.

Principals and members of staff are the primary audience, but the Manual will be available to students, parents and other members of the school community who wish to be informed of these important issues.

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