

Child Safe Standards

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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, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by new Child Safe Standards.

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

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, an entity to which the Child Safe Standards apply must have:

1. strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
2. a child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
3. a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
4. screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
5. processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
6. strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Ministerial Order No. 870, which operationalises the Child Safe Standards in all Victorian schools, comes into operation on 1 August 2016. See:  [Ministerial Order 870](#)

ABOUT US

We currently have 160 students enrolled at our school.

Yarrunga Primary School is a primary school with a vibrant teaching staff, dedicated community and excellent facilities. We have 7 classrooms, Japanese room, multipurpose hall, Community Learning Hub, kitchen and library.

Yarrunga Primary School strives to move forward with exciting programs and delivering innovative teaching. Our motto Learning Today for Tomorrow embraces the values of our school community. Recent construction and refurbishment of our school, provides us with an open and friendly environment, catering for learning in the 21st century.

Our curriculum foci continue to be on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students. Embedding our literacy and numeracy programs as best practice continues to be our major goal. Parents are actively engaged in our school and volunteer in a variety of programs. Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program has been integrated into our curriculum.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Program continues to create a framework that supports our school values of being a learner, being respectful and being responsible. We are committed to explicitly teaching our student strategies to sort out problems and articulate effectively. We believe that reporting problems or issues in our school community is everyone's responsibility and should be addressed quickly and effectively.

Specialist programs include Japanese, Physical Education, Music, Art and Craft, Reading Recovery, Language Support Groups and extension literacy and numeracy programs.

Yarrunga 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 Aboriginal students and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Every person involved in Yarrunga Primary School has the responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/ she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.