



Child Safe Program

Student Child Safe Code of Conduct

Purpose

At Tatachilla Lutheran College we recognise that effective learning can only occur in a secure environment where the dignity, rights and responsibilities of others are known and respected and where standards and rules are fairly and consistently applied.

The Student Child Safe Code of Conduct has been developed to clearly set out standards of behaviour related to child safe that students are expected to abide by.

The College uses a variety of strategies to consult with students when considering the Student Child Safe Code of Conduct. These may include surveys, discussion groups, consultation with the student representative body or other means. For more information, refer to [Participation and Empowerment of Students](#).

Source of Obligation

Principle 2 of the [National Principles for Child Safe Organisations](#) is called Children are Safe, Informed and Participate, and requires the College to ensure that children are made aware of their rights, including their right to be safe from harm and that they are provided with age-appropriate information about safe and respectful peer relationships.

Roles and Responsibilities

Managing the Student Child Safe Code of Conduct is a shared responsibility between students, parents/guardians and the College. All students and families have ready access to support offered by College teachers, Staff and College [Child Safety Contact Officers](#).

Tatachilla Lutheran College's Values

The Student Child Safe Code of Conduct is based on the College's values.

- **Excellence** – in your schoolwork, extracurricular, sporting and other personal endeavours
- **Respect** – for your teachers, parents, peers and members of the community
- **Courtesy** – for everyone you interact with
- **Pride** – in yourself, and the way you represent the Learning Community
- **Personal Responsibility** – for your actions
- **Integrity** – honesty and candour in all of your dealings
- **Sensitivity** – avoid causing offence or hurt
- **Tolerance** – for others, regardless of their background, age, gender, sexuality, religion or race
- **Inclusion** – of all those who decide to come to Tatachilla Lutheran College, and of those in the community

Students' Rights

Students have the right to:

- reach your full learning potential in a safe and supportive environment
- be safe
- be treated with respect, courtesy and kindness
- be an active part of, and contribute positively to, the community
- be treated fairly and justly
- have your human rights and other legal rights respected.

Students' Responsibilities

Students have the responsibility to:

- enable others to learn in a safe and supportive environment
- follow the Learning Community's policies, procedures and the directions of teachers at all times
- treat others with respect, courtesy and kindness
- represent the Learning Community well in the community
- accept and consider the consequences of your actions
- respect the human rights and legal rights of others.

For more information, refer to [Bullying Prevention and Intervention](#), [Social Media – Student Usage](#) and [Harassment Policy \(Student Against Student\)](#).

Consequences for Breaching the Student Child Safe Code of Conduct

Students are expected to observe and uphold the above rights and responsibilities.

Students are also expected to abide by College rules and the policies of the College, as well as the directions of teachers.

A breach of this Student Child Safe Code of Conduct, College rules or policy will be dealt with according to our [R-6 Behaviour Support Guidelines](#) and [7-12 Behaviour Support Guidelines](#)..

Raising Concerns About Safety

Any person, including Staff, Volunteers, Contractors, parents/carers and students, can at any time report a reasonable suspicion about harm or risk of harm to a child or young person directly to the Department for Child Protection (DCP) using the Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) on 13 14 78 or online.

Whenever there are concerns that a child or young person is in immediate danger, call the Police on 000.

If a student has concerns about their safety, or the behaviour of others, it's important they tell a trusted adult. This could be a parent or carer, a trusted teacher or a College Child Safety Contact Officer.

Our Staff are committed to ensuring that all students feel empowered to speak up and be heard, will take all concerns raised by students seriously and ensure that the student receives ongoing support.

The College provides all students with information about and encourages them to use multiple pathways to raise child safety concerns about or at the College, including concerns about the behaviour of other students. These include informal and formal ways, an 'anonymous' way, and through external child advocacy or child safety organisations.

A child-friendly version of our Child Safe Complaints Management policy, which explains these different pathways, is available our Child-Friendly Child Safe Complaints Policy.