

Child Safe Standards 2016
BERENGARRA COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY



Dear School Community,

1 August 2016

As you may be aware, all Victorian schools, including Berengarra, have been working toward ensuring compliance with Ministerial Order No. 870 regarding the Child Safety Standards which are currently being implemented in all Victorian schools.

This is a summary of Berengarra's 'Commitment to Child Safety'.

*Berengarra takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures and practices meet all **Child Safety Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 870 (2015)**.*

Berengarra is fully committed to child safety.

We want our students to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all students, as well as our staff and volunteers.

Berengarra is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all students.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our clear policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are concerned about a student's safety, which we rigorously comply with.

Berengarra is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

We have excellent human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers.

Berengarra is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We support and respect all students, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for students with the disability of social, emotional, behavioural disorders.

We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

If we believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse we will phone 000.

Peter Heffernan

Diane Penkethman

Principal

Chair: Board of Management

There will be further information made available at the school and on the school website. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Principal or Chair.