

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (Edition 1, 2019) comprise 10 Standards, providing the framework for Catholic Church entities to build child-safe cultures and to advance the safety of children and vulnerable adults across the Catholic Church in Australia.

The first phase of implementation of the Standards focuses on safeguarding practices for the protection of children, taking into account the guidance of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (COAG, 2019).

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1. Committed leadership, governance and culture

Child safeguarding is embedded in the entity's leadership, governance and culture.



2. Children are safe, informed and participate

Children are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.



3. Partnering with families, carers and communities

Families, carers and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safeguarding.



4. Equity is promoted and diversity is respected

Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.



5. Robust human resource management

People working with children are suitable and supported to reflect child safeguarding values in practice.



6. Effective complaints management

Processes for raising concerns and complaints are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, families, carers, communities and personnel.



7. Ongoing education and training

Personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training.



8. Safe physical and online environments

Physical and online environments promote safety and contain appropriate safeguards to minimise the opportunity for children to be harmed.



9. Continuous Improvement

Entities regularly review and improve implementation of their systems for keeping children safe.



10. Policies and procedures support child safety

Policies and procedures document how the entity is safe for children