

TERANG COLLEGE

CHILD PROTECTION

POLICY

1. RATIONALE

Terang College is committed to creating and maintaining systems of work that protect the health, safety and psychological well being of all children at the school.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

This school will ensure that:

- child protection issues are identified and assessed
- all staff are aware of the education policy on child protection/abuse in their educational system
- appropriate programs that teach children how to protect themselves against abuse are developed and implemented at the school
- suitable training and information is provided so that staff who may suspect child abuse are aware of and understand their options (such as reporting to principals or directly to local welfare authorities)
- where child abuse is suspected, this is reported to the appropriate government department of community health and family services
- if appropriate, access to counselling services is provided for the child as an adjunct to reporting
- if appropriate, counselling is provided to staff who have experienced particularly traumatic incidents in relation to child abuse
- a workplace culture is encouraged that gives support to children who have been abused and to staff who report suspected child abuse
- interventions in relation to child abuse problems are monitored and evaluated, and followed up with further action if required.

Allocation of responsibility

The staff member designated as the contact point for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect is the principal.

3. EVALUATION

- 3.1. This policy will be reviewed every three years.