

TERANG COLLEGE

CHILD SAFETY

POLICY

1. RATIONALE

Terang College has a responsibility to take action to embed and maintain a culture of 'no tolerance' for child abuse, and to comply with the requirements of the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006** and **Ministerial Order 870**.

2. AIMS

To ensure that all students enrolled at Terang College are safe and protected from child abuse in all school environments, during and outside school hours.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

Ministerial Order 870 - Child Safety

Child safety encompasses matters related to protecting all children from child abuse, managing the risk of child abuse, providing support to a child at risk of child abuse, and responding to incidents or allegations of child abuse.

Ministerial Order 706 is implemented at our school through adherence to the following policies and procedures:

1. **This Child Safety Policy**
2. **Public promotion in the school community about the child safety policy or statement, and ready access to the policy or statement.**
3. **A Child Safety Code of Conduct Policy**
4. **School staff selection, supervision and management practices for a child-safe environment**
5. **Induction process for new school staff into the school's policies, codes, practices, and procedures governing child safety and child-connected work**
6. **Clear procedures and protocols for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse in accordance with the Order and other legal obligations.**
 - a. **Mandatory Reporting Policy and Procedures**
 - b. **Sexual Assault Policy**

c. **Sexual Harassment Policy**

d. **Child Protection Policy**

e. Procedures and protocols for addressing non-mandated concerns about child safety

7. Risk management strategies regarding child safety in school environments.

a. **Bullying and Harassment Policy**

b. **Supervision of Students Policy and Procedures**

c. **Duty of Care Policy and Procedures**

d. **Critical Incident policy**

e. **Student Engagement Policy**

f. **Staff Induction Policy**

g. **Staff Selection Policy**

h. Student Health (first aid) policy and procedures

i. **Anaphylaxis Management Policy**

j. **Care Arrangements for ill Students Policy and Procedures**

k. **Visitors Policy and Procedures**

l. **Incursions Policy and Procedures**

m. **Camps and Excursions Policy**

n. **Emergency Management Policy and Procedures**

o. **Occupational Health and Safety**

p. **Communications Policy**

q. **Statement of Values**

r. Welfare and Discipline

8. Education programs and strategies to promote child empowerment and participation.

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References	Victorian Government Schools Policy Advisory Guide

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4. EVALUATION

4.1 This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the College's Policy review cycle.