

# **Our Lady of Hope Greenwith Campus Outside School Hours Care**



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## **POLICY DOCUMENT**

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<h3><b>CHILD PROTECTION</b></h3>
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# CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

Our OSHC Service aims to be a child safe environment where children are kept safe, feel safe and their voices are heard about decisions in their lives. We can play a significant role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect and is responsible for implementing policies and practices for the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people.

Our OSHC Service will follow the policies and procedures set down by the South Australian Commission for Catholic School (SACCS) regarding the Care, Wellbeing and Protection of Children and Young People 2011, Protective Practices 2019 (revised) and Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting 2010.

Overarching the SACCS policies and procedures is the Children’s Protection Act 1993 requiring educators, staff and volunteers to notify the Child Abuse Report Line (13 14 78) if they suspect that a child has been or is being abused or neglected.

## How the policy will be implemented (Specific policies and procedures)

- Our OSHC Service will follow all CESA’s and the school’s policies and documented procedures regarding child protection and reporting child abuse
- Information regarding reporting child abuse and neglect will be held at the service, and will be available to staff, volunteers, advisory committee members and families to read
- Information regarding reporting abuse and neglect are included in staff handbooks
- All educators are expected to undertake training in Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care and update this as required (Currently every 3 years)
- Position Information Documents outline service requirements regarding RAN training
- All personnel in the OSHC Service who work with or care for the children in a paid or voluntary capacity are required to hold a current Catholic Police Clearance and have a current Responding to Abuse and Neglect (Education and Care) certificate

## Resources

South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, “Care, Wellbeing and Protection of Children and Young People” 2011

Department of Education and Children’s Services Catholic Education South Australia, Association of Independent Schools of South Australia, “Protective Practices” 2019 (revised edition)

South Australian Commission for Catholic School, “Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting” 2010

Department for Education, Catholic Education South Australia, Association of Independent Schools of South Australia, “Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care” (RAN-EC)

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