

Child Safe Policy

Child Friendly Version



Introduction

At Good Shepherd, our focus is to ensure the safety of all children whilst they are at school. Every child, no matter their age, beliefs, or background, receives care and support.

Our staff is dedicated to ensuring the safety of children. This commitment ensures that students feel secure at school and are not anxious or fearful about potential risks. School staff are trained to respond appropriately if children express feelings of being unsafe.

SAFE SPACES
for **EVERYONE**

At Good Shepherd, every child has the right to feel safe. Bullying or any form of unsafe behaviour that could harm others will not be tolerated at our school.



Keeping Our Place Safe

Children, parents, and staff at Good Shepherd are all part of keeping a safe school environment. The school actively identifies potential safety hazards and fixes them. It is important for children to report any unsafe observations to a teacher, ensuring a secure school environment for everyone.

Adult Code of Conduct

Good Shepherd makes sure there is a Code of Conduct for our community, including, staff, teachers, volunteers and workers, that clearly tells them how they should behave, speak and work with children at school. The Good Shepherd Code of Conduct is available on the school website, and at the school front office. When people sign in at the front office, they are agreeing to follow the Good Shepherd Code of Conduct. Good Shepherd always checks if the people who want to work at our school are ready to work with children. The people who look after our volunteers and staff are the Deputy Principals. They make sure all adults who work at our school are safe and have done special training to work in a school.



Student Code of Conduct

We expect all students to follow our Student Code of Conduct. Students are expected to create and maintain a caring, safe school community and an orderly, positive learning environment. We are:

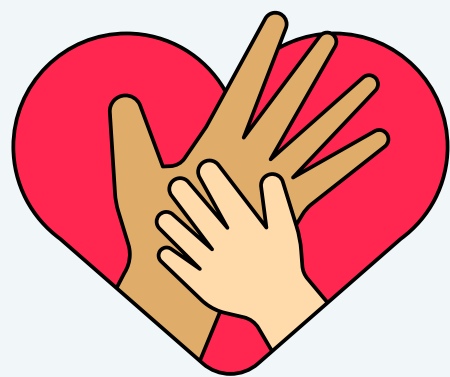
SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, LEARNERS

There are consequences for breaking this conduct, that focus on reflection, action and improvement.

Feeling Safe and Speaking Up

The Good Shepherd staff and teachers play a vital role in helping children understand their right to feel safe and secure. Children are encouraged to talk to a trusted adult if they ever feel unsafe during school hours. During playtime there are yard duty teachers available, who wear hi-vis vests, that can assist students as needed.

Evie Stevens, Therese Abraham, and Claudia Deanshaw are key leaders at the school who are ready to listen and take action when children voice their concerns.



We're ALL Different

At Good Shepherd, we believe that all children are unique, and teasing or bullying due to differences is not tolerated. The school provides support and care for every child.



- ✓ Our differences include
 - Diverse backgrounds
 - Various shapes and sizes
 - Different beliefs
 - Preferences for different things
 - Varied ages
 - Differing abilities

Let's show respect to all students at school and ensure everyone feels included!

- ✓ Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from unsafe behaviours.
- ✓ No one should behave in a way that makes children feel unsafe or afraid including family, people at school or anywhere else in the community.



How you can share a worry or get help

- ✓ For Stage 1 and 2 students:
You'll find the locked box in the Front Office, near the Child Safe wall. You can write down your worry and pop it in the box



- ✓ For Stage 3 and 4 students:
You can use the online form to share your concern. QR codes are placed around your learning area to help you find it easily.



Family Support

- ✓ **Kids Helpline**
Phone 1800 55 1800 (free call, 24 hours)

- ✓ **Lutheran Care Family Zone (Ingle Farm)**
Phone (08) 8349 6099
Email inglefarm@lutherancare.org.au
Website lutherancare.org.au/family-zone/

- ✓ **Beyond Blue**
Phone 1300 22 4636
www.beyondblue.org.au/getsupport

