

Speak Up - It's your right!

Victoria's Child Safe Standard's and the St. Bernard's College Child Safeguarding Policies are designed to keep you safe.

WHY THE STANDARDS CAME ABOUT

In 2013, the Victorian Government looked at how safe organisations are for children and young people.

It found that sometimes children and young people have not been kept safe by organisations and the adults who work in them.

More needed to be done to keep children and young people safe in the future.

WHAT ARE THEY FOR?

School and other organisations have to keep you safe.

This means the College:

- Only chooses adults who are safe to work with you.
- Will listen to you about what makes you feel safe.
- Will protect you if someone hurts you or makes you feel unsafe.

WHAT THEY MEAN FOR YOU AS A STUDENT AT ST. BERNARD'S COLLEGE

You can expect to be safe and to feel safe, wherever you go and whatever you do.

You can expect that the adults that work with you know how to keep you safe.

You can tell an adult if you don't feel safe and they have to help you.

WHERE YOU CAN GET HELP AND SUPPORT AT SBC

- Talk to or email a teacher at St. Bernard's
- Talk to or email your Year Level Leader or Dean of Students
- Email a Child Protection Officer (cpo@sbc.vic.edu.au)
- If you are concerned for a friend and want to remain anonymous, you can leave a note in the 'Student Concern' box in Front Reception
- If your concern is outside of school hours, contact Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800), Headspace (1800 650 890) or Beyond Blue (1300 22 4636)