

CHILD SAFETY INDUCTION PACK VOLUNTEERS

Purpose:

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at our school. The purpose of this induction pack is to ensure Merri Creek Primary School volunteers are familiar with our policies and procedures relating to child safety and understand the important role they play in maintaining and promoting the safety of our students.

All school volunteers must read the suite of policies and procedures in the links below before commencing any work where children are likely to be present.

For all volunteers at Merri Creek PS who are attending camps, excursions (including swimming), or helping with classroom reading or the school musical, please note that in addition to the required reading below, we also require that you view the short 5 minute video available on the Department's PROTECT website: [Identifying Signs of Abuse](#).

Key Messages:

- Merri Creek Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children. We want children attending our school to be safe, happy and respected.
- We are committed to creating inclusive environment where diversity is supported and students feel safe to bring their whole selves to school.
- Allegations and concerns relating to the safety and wellbeing of our school community will be treated very seriously and consistently with our policies and procedures.
- We are committed to preventing child abuse, identifying risks early and removing and reducing these risks.
- Everyone has a role to ensure children are safe – if something doesn't feel right, speak up. If you have any concerns about any inappropriate behaviours in the school community you should speak to the Principal or Assistant Principal. If this would not be appropriate in the circumstances, you can contact the North Western Regional Office of the Department of Education and Training on 1300 338 691.

Induction Materials – Must Read:

This induction pack contains the following documents that all new volunteers must read and familiarise themselves with. Please click on the hyperlinks to access each document. If you would prefer a hard copy of this pack, please contact the team in the office who will happily provide you with one.

- Merri Creek PS Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Merri Creek PS Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Merri Creek PS Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures
- Merri Creek PS Volunteers Policy
- [PROTECT: Four Critical Actions for Schools – Responding to incidents, disclosures and suspicions of child abuse](#)
- [PROTECT: Identify child abuse](#)

Contact:

We value your feedback on ways we can continue to improve and strengthen our child safety approach and encourage you to contact the Principal and/or Assistant Principal with any comments or questions.