



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

RATIONALE

Santa Sabina College is committed to the care of the whole person. We are concerned with the spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual growth and development of the students in our care.

Child protection and child abuse are complex and sensitive issues. It is necessary that all those who have a duty of care with young people are aware of the issues concerning child abuse and neglect. Staff need to know the appropriate responses which ensure the adequate protection of our students.

The College has a responsibility to act with fairness and equity towards staff and an obligation to maintain strict confidentiality in regard to issues of Child Protection.

This policy document contains guidelines for all members of staff and adheres to the New South Wales Legislative procedures so that the students in our care are protected. It should be read in conjunction with other College policies including *the Code of Professional Practice*, *Pastoral Care Policy* and the *Student Welfare Guidelines*.