



Child Safe Standard 1 (Standard 1) requires schools to plan, implement and review strategies that will embed a culture of child safety.

**Key components to Sustaining and improving the School's Child Safety Culture are:**

Developing strategies to embed a culture of Child Safety at the School

- Members of the school community (teachers, parents, students...etc) will feel empowered to discuss child safety and raise any concerns about child abuse because of the constant reinforcement via the school newsletter to members of the school community. Specific programs (ie: Bravehearts) will also highlight the importance of children feeling safe at Tallygaroopna PS.
- Effective governance by School Council is in place to authorize and agree on strategies and programs related to Child Safety.
- The goal of Child Safety is embedded in school documentation (policies) to convey the vision, mission and strategic direction of the school in relation to Child Safety.
- Child Safety is included as a standing item on Staff Meeting and School Council agendas.
- Our general rule: "to consider the feelings of others at all times", is always reinforced.

Allocating roles and responsibilities for achieving the strategies

- Key stakeholders in the school (ie: teachers, support staff, business manager) have appropriate skills and the capacity to undertake Child Safety responsibilities. All families are also required to be aware of their specific responsibilities in line with our Child Safety Code of Conduct and this is reflected in our Register.
- The Principal has the designated role of Child Safety officer in the school. He also has the right to delegate this role as required to an experienced staff member at the school.
- The students, school staff and members of the school community know how to contact if they have a concern about child safety in the school (ie: Principal). Specific information in regard to reporting child abuse is displayed around the school (ie: Four Critical Actions for Schools: Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse).
- Mandatory Reporting training is available to any member of the school community in regard to Child Safety. This is mandated annually for all staff members. Other training may also be completed (ie: Inclusion and the Disability Standards, for example).
- There is ongoing induction and training available for all staff and volunteers in child safety including how to recognize and respond to child abuse.

Informing the School Community about the strategies and allocating roles and responsibilities

- Child Safety is a core part of the school's public and internal communication. This is reinforced through a mix of communication tools (ie: verbal, online and print).
- All documentation is readily available to the school community via the schools website and this is strongly recommended.

Putting strategies into practice and informing the school community about these practices

- The school community is regularly informed in regard to the schools progress in putting strategies into practice, changing strategies or developing new strategies in regard to Child Safety.
- Progress may be reported to the school governing authority in regard to Child Safety practices (ie: Register, Training, and Mandatory Reporting).
- Information nights and other family sessions will be promoted to the school community focusing on Child Safety.

Reviewing the effectiveness of strategies put into practice.

- There is a system of reviewing Child Safe related policies and practices annually at the School Council level.
- Consultation and Feedback is always encouraged with the wider school community to inform strategic decisions about Child Safety.
- The outcome of all reviews are always communicated.
- Reviews may be conducted after a potential risk or report occurs in the school.

### **Some Relevant Child Safe Policies at Tallygaroopna PS include:**

Asthma	Behaviour Management	Bullying
Critical Incident	Duty of Care	E Smart
First Aid	Head Lice	Medical Conditions
On Site Supervision	Student Welfare	Sun Smart
Volunteers		

### **Evaluation:**

This document will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.  
This document was last ratified by School Council in....

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