

# MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL

## Purpose

Melbourne High School community is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our responsibility is to provide a safe, supportive and enriching environment; one which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

This Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for child abuse or harm to occur. It also assists in understanding how to avoid or better manage risky behaviours and situations. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, Department policy, school policies and procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and other personnel.

The Principal and school leaders of Melbourne High School will support implementation and monitoring

- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of students from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of students with a disability
- reporting any allegations of child abuse or other child safety concerns to the school's leadership and Child Safety Officer: Student Wellbeing Coordinator
- understanding and complying with all reporting or disclosure obligations (including mandatory reporting) as they relate to protecting children

