



Williamstown High School



Statement of Commitment to Child Safety*

Williamston High School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

In its planning, decision-making and operations Williamstown High School will:

- Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety.
- Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives.
- Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children.
- Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount.
- Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behavior towards children
- Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and professional development.
- Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues.
- Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities.
- Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safely and wellbeing of children is at risk.
- Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.

**This statement will be included in the WHS Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy*