

Child Protection Student Fact Sheet

Introduction:

Creek Street Christian College is committed to providing a caring, safe and accepting environment for students. All children have a right to feel safe. Creek Street Christian College is committed to child safety and we have a zero tolerance to child abuse.

All adults have a responsibility to care for children and to protect them from any kind of abuse or neglect. The college is responsible to provide a safe environment for children and to provide an education which supports their social, emotional, spiritual and physical well-being. We are entrusted by parents to care for their children as individually created and valued by God.

Types of Child abuse:

Child abuse has a significant effect on a child's physical or emotional health, development and well-being. The younger a child is the more vulnerable they are and the more serious the consequences are likely to be.

Types of child abuse include: Physical, Emotional, Neglect, Medical Neglect, Sexual Abuse, Family Violence and Risk-taking Behaviour.

WHO CAN I TALK TO?

If you are worried about child abuse, for you or someone you know, there are people you can talk to. It's a good idea to talk to an adult you trust about any concerns you have. That person may be a parent or relative, a teacher, our chaplain, or someone who works at school. You may want to talk to more than one person about your concerns.

IF YOU SEE HARM OCCURING, YOU CAN DO THE FOLLOWING:

Help the student who has been harmed, for example:

- Telling other students to move away or stop
- Get a teacher or school employee involved as soon as possible
- Tell the Principal/ Assistant Principal straight away about what you saw
- Write down what you saw and give the information to the Principal/Assistant Principal

WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

There are services that you can contact to access more information, and in some case, to speak to somebody about your concerns.

National Child Abuse Helpline (Child Wise)

Phone: 1800 991 099

This is a toll-free number with access to expert advice from trained counsellors and an opportunity to speak up about child abuse.

Kids Helpline

Phone: 1800 551 800

For any time and for any reason – free, private and confidential phone and online counselling 24 hrs a day 7 days a week.

Headspace (National Youth Mental Health Foundation)

Phone: 1800 650 890

Headspace can help if you are aged 12 or over and you are going through a tough time. You can talk to someone at Headspace on the phone, online or in person. They are online at : <http://headspace.org.au>

WHO DO YOU SPEAK TO AT SCHOOL?

Your classroom or homeroom (Christian Living teacher)

Mrs Maxwell – Principal

Pastor Hickman – Chaplain

Our Junior School Stomp Team– Year 4, our Year 7's and staff can help with our Anti-bullying procedure Bye, Bye, Bullying for issues in the classroom or yard:

Spot It Out, Speak It Out, Stamp It out

1. Problem, 2. Ask God, 3. Talk to a trusted person, 4. Take Action, 5. Move On.

Call the police on 000 if you have immediate concerns for a child's safety.

All children have a right to feel safe and to be safe. Our school has a zero tolerance to child abuse.