

CHILD SAFETY POLICY – STUDENT INPUT VERSION

RATIONALE

At Catholic College Sale students have the right to feel safe, protected and included at our school. As students, we will work with the staff to ensure Catholic College Sale is always committed to our safety and wellbeing.

We as students feel safer knowing that the following procedures and commitments are in place:

- Every student has the right to feel connected, safe, respected and supported
- Every student has the right to be protected from abuse of all kinds
- Every student has the right to be protected from misconduct
- Catholic College Sale is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. All members of the College – including teachers, staff, volunteers, parents, families and students – have a role to play to ensure that young people are safe.

Safety means that young people are free from physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and the effects of family violence.

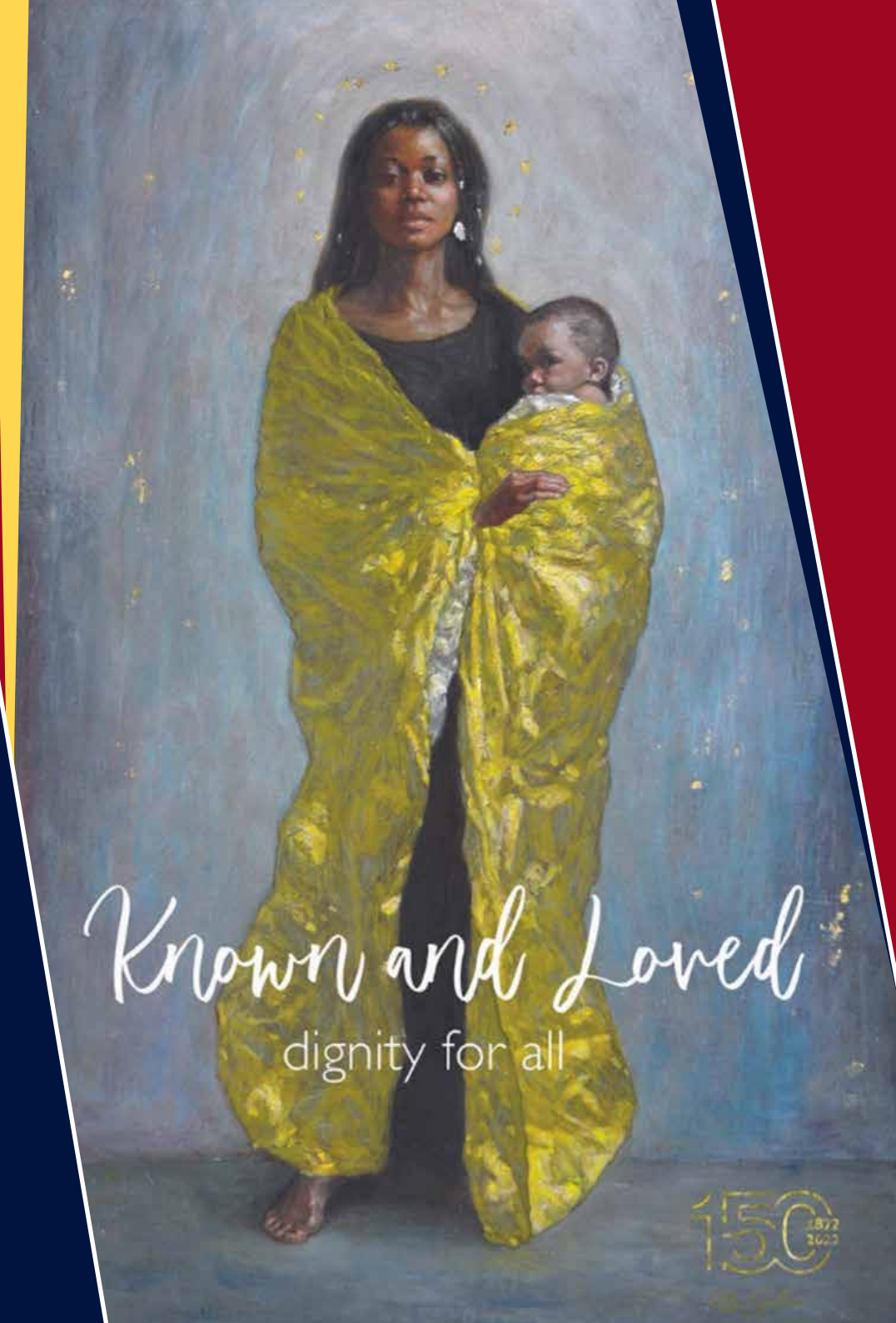
ACTIONS

1. College Commitment to Child Safety

We have a commitment from our College that it values Child Safety and that it is adhering to Victorian Child Safe Standards. The College assures us they are continually reviewing Child Safe practices and guidelines.

2. Feeling unsafe?

We can speak to one of the Child Safe Officers or any staff member at the College if we are feeling unsafe. Adults we talk to will listen to our concerns and discuss strategies and seek guidance to have our concerns addressed. We will also encourage any other student feeling unsafe to talk to a trusted adult.



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3. Student input

We can input to Child Safety at Catholic College Sale through:

- Talking to our Pastoral Teacher or Child Safety Officers or working with our members from the Student Leadership Team, including College Captains, House Captains and Student Voice Cabinet members.
- Encouraging our peers and friends to report any concerns via the links provided by the College on SIMON.

4. Staff commitment

We are assured that staff working at Catholic College Sale know they have a responsibility to protect any child under their care. We know they complete mandatory Child Safety training and have registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching. All staff have legal and mandatory reporting obligations.

5. Student inclusiveness

Our College Motto is Peace Amongst Nations.

As students we are to value differences amongst all members of our community and we need to ensure we value and welcome our differences. No student at Catholic College Sale should feel excluded by their ethnic background, gender identification, academic ability, faith or religion.

6. College processes

We can see actions the College has taken to help ensure child safety such as:

- Guidelines for online learning
- Identifying child safety officers as outlined in our student diary.
- Content covered as part of the College's Personal Development Program
- Increased staff supervision rosters at school, at sport and on excursions to ensure our safety at all times.

7. Visitors

We are aware that all visitors to the College need to register before moving through our Campus and they should have a registration pass to let us know they have met all visitor requirements.