

# Strategies for Participation and Empowerment of Students



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Monivae College is committed to ensuring that the school culture promotes participation and empowerment of students. It implements the following requirements regarding Child Safe Standard 7:

Requirements	School Implementation	Related Policy and Resources
<p>1. The school governing authority must develop strategies to deliver appropriate education about:</p> <p>a. standards of behaviour for students attending the school;</p> <p>b. healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality);</p> <p>c. resilience; and</p> <p>d. child abuse awareness and prevention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parent guides on the curriculum outlining the school’s approach</li> <li>▪ Parent Handbook- outlines expectations and policy</li> <li>▪ Class/Pastoral meetings- to establish rules and for student to raise issue/ monitor student wellbeing and personal safety</li> <li>▪ Student safety surveys</li> <li>▪ Chaplaincy and student wellbeing services</li> <li>▪ Engagement of students in learning is embedded across the school</li> <li>▪ Cross-curriculum focus on issues of safety and forms of abuse that are developed through literature, social media, media, government and church documents, examples of scenarios that develop understanding of responsibilities and ethical choices</li> <li>▪ Curriculum scope and sequence that outlines key focus for resilience and healthy and respectful relationships at year levels</li> <li>▪ Implementation of RE units that reinforce and allow student to develop their understanding of respecting the dignity of each person, social justice, reconciliation and respecting diversity</li> <li>▪ Different levels of student voice:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student surveys to assist with informing policies</li> <li>▪ Student, staff and parent committees to review /collaborate on school initiatives</li> <li>▪ Staff/student council</li> <li>▪ Student Representative Council- across school</li> <li>▪ Curriculum planning- pre and post testing, student input on unit planning and directions</li> <li>▪ Student feedback on teaching practice and learning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monivae College Student Outcomes</li> <li>▪ Monivae College Pastoral Care policy</li> <li>▪ Monivae College Behaviour Management Policy</li> <li>▪ Monivae College Risk Register</li> <li>▪ Victorian F-10 Curriculum</li> <li>▪ Restorative Justice</li> <li>▪ PBIS</li> <li>▪ Awakenings</li> <li>▪ Catholic Social Teaching</li> <li>▪ Andrew Fuller-Free Resources <a href="http://andrewfuller.com.au/free-resources/">http://andrewfuller.com.au/free-resources/</a></li> <li>▪ Kids Helpline (resources)</li> <li>▪ Growth mindset</li> <li>▪ Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus group and action research</li> <li>▪ Student led conferences</li> <li>▪ Review and monitor curriculum and procedures for students</li> <li>▪ Risk management register and strategies</li> <li>▪ Professional learning on student voice and creating a culture that promotes students to report issues on own and others personal safety</li> </ul>	
<p>2. The school governing authority must promote the child safety standards required by this Order in ways that are readily accessible, easy to understand, and user-friendly to children (State of Victoria, Department of Education and Training 2016).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student developed posters are developed and displayed throughout school</li> <li>▪ Student developed guidelines for child safety</li> <li>▪ Student code of conduct</li> <li>▪ Procedure for reporting any form of abuse- such as in student diary/school app- accessible to students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Protect Resources</li> <li>▪ Refer to Appendix A: Child Safe Standard 7: Student Voice Action Plan</li> </ul>

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## Appendix A: Child Safe Standard 7: Student Voice Action Plan

**Action Plan Lead Name:** Student Voice – Wellbeing Working Group

**Action Plan Creation Date:** June 2018

**Action Plan Review Date:** February 2019

Child Safe Standard	Does your school meet the Standard? YES/NO	What action(s) does the school need to take to better meet the Standards?	Responsibility (Who)	Responsibility (When)
Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children	NO	<p>Monivae College has provided an opportunity for all students to be involved in a working group to implement strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.</p> <p>The working group is made up of 6 students and will meet each week.</p> <p>During this time, they aim to create their own strategy and practice to deliver the four elements of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. standards of behaviour</li> <li>2. healthy and respectful relationships,</li> <li>3. resilience and;</li> <li>4. child abuse awareness and prevention.</li> </ol> <p>The working group will review current Child Safety policies, procedures, strategies and resources and develop easy to understand, child friendly versions of the documents.</p> <p>The formats of the documents may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Student developed posters</li> <li>b. Student developed presentations</li> <li>c. Student developed pamphlets</li> </ol>	Director of Students and Student Wellbeing Group.	<p>The group aims to meet each week during Term 2 and Term 3.</p> <p>Students will review their progress weekly and aim to present their actions in Term 4, 2018.</p>

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		<p>The working group will use the following resources to aid them in their work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Our Lady of Lourdes Sunbury</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Students as Researchers Teacher Resource</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Students as Researchers Students Resource</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">School Approach Videos</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Poster Template</a> – for students to use to create their own National Child Protection Week (NCPW) poster, focusing on NCPW’s themes of <i>Protecting Children is Everyone’s Business: Play Your Part and/or Stronger Communities, Safer Children.</i></li> <li>• <a href="#">Child Safety Standard 7</a> – there are 2 resources in this link which have examples or guides for developing child friendly versions.</li> </ul>		
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