



St Dominic's Parish  
East Camberwell



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

## Parish Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People

St Dominic's Parish East Camberwell holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility.

**We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.** This commitment is based on the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

This commitment extends to clergy, employees and volunteers within the St Dominic's Parish community, regardless of their role or level of responsibility to act to safeguard children and young people from child abuse.

**We are committed to creating a child safe culture at St Dominic's that safeguards children and young people from all forms of abuse.** We commit to policies, procedures and practices to achieve this.

**We are committed to zero tolerance of all forms of child abuse and discrimination, and will always act to safeguard children and young people and report suspected abuse promptly to the appropriate authorities.** All child safety concerns and allegations will be treated very seriously, and reported in line with our moral and legal obligations articulated in the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

**We are committed to ensuring that all persons who might have contact with children and young people acknowledge their responsibility to safeguard children and young people from abuse and discrimination.**

We recognise that cultural safety and inclusion assist child safety, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with a disability.

This commitment is made by the Parish Priest and the Parish Pastoral Council on behalf of the parish as a whole.

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