Child Safe Standards Risk Register SWAN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023

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Child Safe Standard	1 - Aboriginal cultural safety					
Risk Title: Culturally safe environments Description: There is a risk that the school fails to establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and students are respected and valued Risk type: Situational, Organisationa	1	Aboriginal students are less likely to trust school staff which may result in them being less likely to report abuse by adults or peers, and make them more vulnerable to harm Aboriginal students do not feel welcome, safe, respected or valued for their diverse and unique identifies which may result in them being less likely to report abuse by adults or peers and make them more vulnerable to harm Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	 Our Child Safety Policy outlines the controls in place to establish a culturally safe environment and is implemented Other documents that address Aboriginal cultural safety at our school include: Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy Bullying Prevention Policy Inclusion and Diversity Policy Controls to address racism, discrimination and bullying are outlined in the Bullying Prevention Policy and the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy. We fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags on school grounds We begin school assemblies with an Acknowledgement of Country. We use Koorie Engagement Support officer (KESO) to provide advice to government schools about creating culturally inclusive learning environments. We recognise key dates and anniversaries for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Community Understanding and Safety Training (CUST) was undertaken by all staff in 2019. 		Continue to build schoolwide knowledge of Aboriginal histories, cultures, perspectives, values, skills and attitudes. Andrew Cameron (Koorie Education Support) Nandia Brabham (Teacher and Traditional Land Owner) Train staff and volunteers to understand the importance of Aboriginal culture to the wellbeing and safety of Aboriginal students. (To be led by the Principal, Hayley Doyle).	Term 3 and then ongoi
Child Safe Standard	2 - School leadership, gover	nance and culture				
Risk Title: Leadership, governance and culture Description: There is a risk that child safety and wellbeing is no embedded in the school's leadership, governance and culture Risk type: Organisational, Propensity	1 191	 Increased risk of child abuse occurring, remaining undetected and not being responded to appropriately because the school does not have a culture of child safety and reporting of child safety incidents or concerns Increased risk of child abuse occurring, remaining undetected and not being responded to appropriately because staff and volunteer roles and responsibilities are not clear Poor practices and understanding of information sharing obligations may result in staff or volunteers not sharing important information to reduce the risk of child abuse 	 Our Child Safety Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure a child safe culture is embedded across the school and is implemented Our Child Safety Code of Conduct is adopted and actively enforced by school leadership. Inconsistent staff, contractor or volunteer conduct is swiftly addressed. Our Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct are publicly available and promoted in the school community This risk register is reviewed annually and after any significant child safety incident or concern Our Volunteers Policy supports volunteers to understand their obligations on information sharing and recordkeeping 		Child Safety Champion regularly reviews PROTECT guidance and other relevant policies to ensure our own local child safety policies, procedures and practices are informed by best practice and updated where required. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Seek input from staff, volunteers, families and the school community. Ask what the school does well, and what can be improved. (To be led by the Principal, Hayley Doyle) Provide regular reports to the school council or governing authority on child	Term 3 and then ongoin

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	 Poor understanding of recordkeeping and information management Poor child safety messaging 	or conversely, sharing sensitive information inappropriately contributing to further harm. • Poor records and record-keeping practice can contribute to delays or failures to identify and respond to child safety risks and incidents and can obstruct survivors seeking information about their time at our school. It can also compromise the school's ability to monitor for systemic issues that required changes to policy, procedure or practice. • Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	 Provide Child Safety training for school staff and School Council yearly. We display our commitment to child safety 		safety improvements (To be led by the Principal, Hayley Doyle).	
Risk Title: Student empowerment Description: There is a risk that students will not be empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them or be taken seriously Risk type: Vulnerability	a complaint or raise a concern or don't feel confident that they will be listened to • Students don't understand their rights • Student input in decision making is not supported or valued • Student contributions or concerns are not taken seriously • Students are not offered sexual abuse prevention education • Students are coerced or silenced by adults at the school • Lack of friendship or peer support	Abuse is more likely to happen if students do not feel supported to participate in decisions that affect them and do not feel like they will be listened to. Failure to empower students with information about their rights, child safety risks, and sexual abuse prevention will increase the risk of abuse going unidentified and unspoken If students do not feel confident or empowered to raise a concern, they will be unwilling to report abuse Lack of friendship or peer support may increase vulnerability to abuse Lack of friendship or peer support increases the risk that the student will not feel confident to discuss concerns with their peers, making it more likely that abuse will go unidentified and unspoken Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	 supported and prioritised Students are provided with age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention programs and relevant related information through Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials, The Daniel Morcombe Foundation Child Safety Curriculum, Sexual Health Victoria teaching and learning materials. Our students are educated about their rights through the Department's Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning 	Yes	Child Safety Champion regularly reviews PROTECT guidance and other relevant policies to ensure our own local child safety policies, procedures and practices are informed by best practice and updated where required. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy)	Term 3 and then ongoing
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Risk Title: Families and community involvement Description: There is a risk that families and	 Unwelcoming staff Lack of appreciation of the value of community consultation and engagement 	Child safety and wellbeing practices without input from families may result in practices that do not cover all the diverse needs of students, resulting in a risk that students do not feel safe or able to actively participate in	place to engage families and is implemented • All child safety policies and procedures are publicly available and promoted in the school community	Yes	Provide parents and carers with information about children's rights via newsletters (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy)	Term 3 and then ongoing

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communities are not informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing Risk type: Organisational	contribute to policies and decisions relating to child safety and wellbeing • Lack of staff training, culture or	school life (see Child Safe Standard 1 and 3) Families and communities not engaged in child safety at the school are less likely to be able to support the school to reduce risk by keeping an eye out for unsafe behaviours and raising concerns. Families cannot help students identify abuse Families do not support students who want to make a complaint If families lack awareness about child safety including risks of child abuse, children may be more vulnerable to being groomed by perpetrators seeking to obtain their trust. Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	 Families and the school community are invited to have a say in the development and review of child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices through our school website and newsletters. We conduct school open days and host community events to welcome families and the broader community. We have created a welcoming environment at the school's reception so community members and families feel respected, included and safe to come onto school grounds. We ask parents and carers about their children. This can be in formal settings like parent/teacher interviews, or during chance meetings at pick-up and drop-off. We display the PROTECT poster in shared areas that are accessible to parents and the community. We make child safety a standing item at School Council meetings. We report on the outcomes of relevant reviews to staff and volunteers, community and families and students to show transparency and accountability. We provide new enrolments with family welcome packs that include information about child safety, the school's complaints processes and how to raise concerns. 		Ask families and carers about their preferred methods of communication, including email, social media, meetings. (Classroom Teachers)	
Child Safe Standard	5 - Equity and diverse needs	.				
Risk Title: Diversity and equity Description: There is a risk that equity is not effectively upheld, and diverse needs are not respected in policy and practice Risk type: Vulnerability	Diverse cohorts have not been identified for targeted support (such as students with disability, students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+), students in out of home care, international students and students who are culturally and linguistically diverse) Diverse cohorts not supported adequately Diverse cohorts feel unwelcome Lack of staff training on diversity and supporting and responding to vulnerable students Lack of respectful culture Incidents of discrimination or humiliation are not effectively addressed and managed		•Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy outlines how the school pays particular attention to the needs of students with disability, students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, students who are unable to live at home, international students, and lesbian, gay, bisexual,	Yes	Normalise asking for and using people's preferred pronouns and names for students. (To be led by the Principal, Hayley Doyle) We will add Google translate to each page on our website so information can be accessed in different languages. (Rachael Sheehan)	Term 3 and then ongoing

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			Whole-school approach to Respectful Relationships We use images of students with diverse characteristics in school publications to reflect the school community. We accompany child safety information with the support materials needed to help students and families interpret it. We ensure our school is welcoming and inclusive. For example: We display flags representing different cultures within the school community.	level?		
	6 – Suitable staff and volunte					T
(including contractors engaged by the school in child-related work) Description: There is a risk that staff are not suitable to work with children or effectively supported to uphold child safety and wellbeing values in practice Risk type: Organisational, Propensity	 Poor recruitment and preemployment screening processes Provision of false information during recruitment Poor management of conflicts of interest Insufficient induction on commencement of working at school Inappropriate behaviour by other adults is not called out due to lack of empowerment or awareness of behaviours of concern Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety Lack of child safety culture Insufficient supervision Performance management does not focus on or address concerns relating to child safety and wellbeing 	 Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety during recruitment processes may fail to deter potential predators from seeking employment History and behaviours of concern relating to suitability to work with children are not identified resulting in increased risk of child abuse Conflicts of interests in recruiting staff may increase the risk of other staff not reporting concerns relating to staff conduct, and where concerns are reported or identified, increased risk of them not being responded to in an objective manner with the focus on child safety and wellbeing. Insufficient induction results in the increased risk that staff fail to identify child safety risks and signs of harm and are unable to respond appropriately when they do identify risks of harm or when a complaint or concerns is disclosed to them. Insufficient supervision and performance management results in increased risk of child abuse and harm to students Staff do not understand their role and responsibilities in promoting and supporting child safety resulting in increased risk of harm Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse 	 Our Child Safety Policy outlines the controls in place: for child safe recruitment and screening practices for staff. to ensure staff are provided with an appropriate induction in the school's child safety policies and practices. to ensure ongoing supervision and management of staff is focused on child safety and wellbeing All actions and strategies outlined in our Child Safety Policy are implemented 	Yes	 Provide refresher child safe training for staff (To be led by the Principal, Hayley Doyle and to be supported by Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy). Include child safety and wellbeing as a regular agenda item for staff meetings at all levels of the organisation. (To be led by the Principal, Hayley Doyle). Include child safety and wellbeing goals in staff professional development plans. (To be led by the Principal Hayley Doyle). 	
Risk Title: Suitable Volunteers Description: There is a risk that volunteers are not suitable to work with children or effectively supported to uphold child safety and wellbeing values in practice	 Screening processes lack sufficient strength to reveal histories and behaviours of concern Systems, processes, policies and culture do not demonstrate sufficient strength and transparency to deter potential perpetrators from attempting predatory behaviours Conflict of interest 	 Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety may fail to deter potential predators from volunteering at the school History and behaviours of concern relating to suitability to work with children are not identified resulting in increased risk of child abuse Insufficient induction results in the increased risk that volunteers do not understand their role and responsibilities in 	 Volunteer Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure volunteers are suitable to work with children including screening, induction, and ongoing management and supervision Volunteers who are not parents/carers of students will be asked to undertake additional screening processes including proof of identity (where this has not already been established), and references addressing suitability for working with children. Volunteers that are working with children or that may have access to students in unsupervised or 	Yes	Provide refresher child safe training for volunteers (To be led by the Principal, Hayley Doyle and to be supported by Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy).	

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	Lack of child safety culture Insufficient induction and training Insufficient supervision	promoting and supporting child safety resulting in increased risk of harm. Insufficient supervision results in increased risk of child abuse and harm to students Inadequate steps to address concerning behaviour may result in increased risk of harm (for example removing volunteer from duties or otherwise ensuring the volunteer does not demonstrate further behaviours of concern) Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	high-risk settings will always be supervised by a member of school staff • Volunteer behaviour that is inconsistent with the school's child safety policies and practices will be addressed by school staff swiftly and with a focus on child safety and wellbeing.			
Child Safe Standard	7 - complaints processes					
Risk Title: Complaints processes Description: There is a risk that processes for complaints and concerns are not child focused Risk type: Organisational, Vulnerability	 Students and parents/carers are uncertain about how to raise a complaint or concern because information is not accessible or easily understood Processes do not support students, parents and carers to make complaints or raise concerns Complaints processes or responsible staff do not make students feel safe or supported to report Student input in decision making is not valued Student, parent and carer concerns/complaints are not taken seriously Inadequate response to complaints or concerns relating to child abuse 	of child abuse	Obligations Policy and Procedures outlines the procedures for responding to complaints or concerns relating to child abuse The Complaints Policy and Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures are publicly available on the school website The Complaints Policy and Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures are implemented by all relevant staff Our Child Safety Policy sets out all recordkeeping,	Yes	 Ask students about their experiences making complaints and act on feedback from students in your policies and the complaints process. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Let students know that they can bring a support person of their choice to any interviews or meetings related to the complaint. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Ensure that students understand who will be told about their complaints. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Report back to complainants to close the loop, where appropriate. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Offer counselling or support services to complainants as appropriate. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Authorized the properties of the loop, where appropriate. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) 	
Child Safe Standard	8 – Child safety knowledge,	skills and awareness				
skills and awareness Description: There is a risk that staff and volunteers are not equipped with the	 Child safety and wellbeing training not provided to staff and school council annually Child safety and wellbeing training is not refreshed or updated where policy, practice or law has changed Volunteers are not required to undertake child safety training that 	underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant staff and authorities Insufficient understanding about the school's child safety and wellbeing policies,	 Our Child Safety Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure school council and school staff receive appropriate annual guidance and training on child safety and is implemented Our Volunteers policy provides information on training for volunteers. Volunteers that are engaged to support our classroom or school programs where the volunteer may have more access to students in an 	Yes	Child Safety Champion regularly reviews PROTECT guidance and other relevant policies to ensure our own local child safety policies, procedures and practices are informed by best practice and updated where required. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy)	Term 3 and then ongoing

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children and students safe through ongoing education and training Risk type: Organisational	is appropriate to the nature of their role • Training does not cover all necessary topics • Training is poorly facilitated Also refer to Child Safe Standard 6 risks above	increased risk that they will not be appropriately implemented by staff and volunteers and an increased risk to students of child abuse occurring and of continuing to occur undetected. • Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse				
Child Safe Standard	9 – Physical and online envir	ronments				
Risk Title: School physical environment Description: There is a risk the school's child safety policies, procedures and practices do not adequately address and manage the risk of abuse and harm in the school's physical environment Risk type: Situational	Areas of child safety risk in the school buildings or grounds are not identified and appropriately supervised or managed.	There is an increased risk of child abuse occurring on school grounds or buildings if policies, procedures and practices fail to identify and manage areas of risk in the school's physical environment Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	 Our Yard Duty and Supervision Policy outlines supervision processes and requirements with a focus on child safety Yard duty staff are trained to actively patrol the school grounds, paying particular attention to secluded areas that have been identified as highrisk including carpark, front of administration block, toilets, behind OPAL Centre. Child safety policies, procedures and practices are in place to enable staff and volunteers to identify and mitigate risks in the physical school environment without compromising a child or student's right to privacy, access to information, social connections and learning opportunities, including our Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct Additional information that is specific to the risks at our school include: sheds and store cupboards are locked unless in use school grounds are well lit for after-school activities students needing to go to the toilet during class time are required to go with a buddy When working with students 1:1, staff to use spaces that are clearly visible. We promote activities in the school community that connect schools and communities and raise awareness to prevent bullying and violence (e.g. National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence). We keep records of any court orders in place regarding access or intervention orders and communicate to staff who can collect students in these circumstances. We keep records of incidents that occur, including accidents and medical events. 	Yes	Give particular attention to the safety, diverse needs and vulnerabilities of students in each activity or setting. Consider whether there are any barriers that might prevent students from raising concerns (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Consideration to be given to mitigating the risk of student to student offending: students needing to go to the toilet during class time are required to go with a student of the opposite gender. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy)	
Risk Title: Online environment Description: There is a risk the school's child safety policies, procedures and practices do not adequately address and manage the	 Child safety risks in the school's online environment are not identified and appropriately managed. Students are not provided with education about online risks and appropriate online behaviours. 	 There is an increased risk of child abuse occurring if policies, procedures and practices fail to identify and manage areas of risk in the school's online environment – particularly risks relating to grooming and further risk of abuse if the grooming goes undetected. Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse 	 Digital Learning Policy outlines the controls in place for online conduct and online safety and is implemented Acceptable Use Agreements are in place and enforced Child safety policies, procedures and practices are in place to enable staff and volunteers to identify 	Yes	Encourage parents to use parental controls on personal devices. Advise students on how they can seek help from a trusted adult if they are exposed to inappropriate online imagery or content that upsets them. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy)	Term 3 and then ongoing

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the school's online environment Risk type: Situational	Online safety measures fail to adapt to emerging technologies and child safety risks School staff fail to identify and manage risks of child abuse occurring during off-site school activities School staff fail to identify and manage risks of child abuse by third-party providers engaged by the school	There is an increased risk of child abuse occurring if policies, procedures and practices fail to identify and manage areas of risk for off-site school activities and school activities that involve third party providers. Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	privacy, access to information, social connections and learning opportunities, including our Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct Staff undertake a privacy impact assessment for apps and other platforms in use by the school which includes the risk of access to children or personal information by people external to the school. Our students are educated about staying safe online through the school's cyber safety education during Digital Learning sessions. We use filtering software on school-based devices. We have guidelines for taking, storing and using images of children and students – including photos and video recordings. Our school shares important online safety information with families and our school community via newsletters, website, Facebook. Our school complies with relevant policies with respect to the following activities, including policy relating to child safety and wellbeing: Excursions NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools Procurement For off-site school activities and school activities engaging a third-party provider, we identify and assess the risks of child abuse that are specific to that activity and ensure appropriate controls are in place.	Yes	Consider off-site physical environments for student use and, where reasonably possible, inspect these sites and venues for events, excursions and camps ahead of time. (To be led by the organising staff member).	Term 3 and then ongoing
Child Safe Standard	10 - Review of child safety p	ractices				
Risk Title: Review and improvement Description: There is a risk that the implementation of the Child Safe Standards is not regularly reviewed and improved Risk type: Organisational	 Failure to regularly review child safety policies, procedures and practices (every 2 years) or following any significant child safety incident Failure to use analysis of complaints, concerns and safety incidents to inform possible improvements to child safety policies, procedures and practices Failure to inform families and communities of the outcome of reviews of child safety policies, procedures and practices 	 Child safety policy, procedures and practices may become out of date with any new laws or guidance on good practice, compromising the school's ability to protect students from child abuse and to respond appropriately to complaints and concerns. Child safety policy, procedures and practices may no longer meet the needs of the local school community compromising the school's ability to protect students from child abuse and to respond appropriately to complaints and concerns. Child safety policy, procedures and practices are not improved as a result of analysis of past complaints, concerns and safety incidents, reducing the school's 	 A register of the school's policies relating to the child safe standards, including approvers and review cycles is used to support staff to maintain and update our policies A working group (led by the child safety champion) is established to review child safety policies and procedures We determine the causes of child safety incidents and monitor for repeat issues or systemic failures, updating any child safety policy, procedure or practice where gaps or improvements are identified We have a log of complaints and concerns to allow us to monitor areas for improvement in our child safety policies, procedures and practices. We inform families through our school's newsletter when child safety and wellbeing policies are being 	Yes	Our Child Safety Champion regularly reviews PROTECT guidance and other relevant policies to ensure our own local child safety policies, procedures and practices are informed by best practice and updated where required. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Use surveys, focus groups and discussions to review the accessibility and level of awareness of child-safe policies and procedures by students, families, staff and volunteers. (Reviews to be led by the Principal, Hayley Doyle)	Term 3 and then ongoing

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	11 – Implementation of child	ability to protect students from child abuse and to respond appropriately to complaints and concerns. • Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse safety practices	review processes.			
procedures Description: There is a	 The policies and procedures do not address all actions and measures required under the Child Safe Standards The policies and procedures are not informed by best practice models and family and community engagement Staff and relevant volunteers are not provided with an adequate induction or ongoing training and are not properly supported to implement the policies and procedures due to lack of modelling and support from leaders Policies and procedures are difficult to understand 	understand it may result in staff (particularly new staff) being unaware of their child safety obligations, roles and responsibilities increasing the risk of child abuse • If child safety policies and procedures are not informed by best practice or family and community engagement it may result in	School Council training	Yes	Our Child Safety Champion regularly reviews PROTECT guidance and other relevant policies to ensure our own local child safety policies, procedures and practices are informed by best practice and updated where required. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Include a regular child safety item in newsletters to families. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy) Seek feedback from students, families, staff and volunteers on whether the policies and procedures are easy to understand. Make any relevant improvements. (To be led by the Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader, Michelle Murphy)	Term 3 and then ongoing