

# Melbourne High School Child Safety Code of Conduct

## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this Code of Conduct, please contact Reception on 98260711.

## Purpose

Melbourne High School community is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our responsibility is to provide a safe, supportive and enriching environment; one which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

This Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for child abuse or harm to occur. It also assists in understanding how to avoid or better manage risky behaviours and situations. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, Department policy, school policies and procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and other personnel.

The Principal and school leaders of Melbourne High School will support implementation and monitoring of the Code of Conduct, and will plan, implement and monitor arrangements to provide an inclusive, safe and orderly school and other learning environments. The Principal and school leaders of Melbourne High School will also provide information and support to enable the Code of Conduct to operate effectively.

## Scope

All staff, contractors, volunteers and any other member of the school community involved in child-related work are required to comply with the Code of Conduct by observing expectations for appropriate behaviour below. The Code of Conduct applies in all school situations, including school camps and in the use of digital technology and social media.

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### Acceptable behaviours

As staff, volunteers and contractors

telling School's Child Safety and Wellbeing concerns of students, particularly if they are



and may be subject to referral to Victoria Police.

All breaches and suspected breaches of the Melbourne High School Child Safety Code of Conduct must be reported to the Principal and Student Wellbeing Coordinator.

If the breach or suspected breach relates to the principal, contact the DET regional office (email: [sevr@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sevr@education.vic.gov.au) phone: 1300 338 738)

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## CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Code of Conduct last reviewed	08/2022
Consultation	Wellbeing Team – 13/07/22 Student Leadership Group (SRC, School Captains, SWAG leader)
Endorsed	School Council 21/05/2024
Next scheduled review date	08/2024

<sup>1</sup> The MHS policy states that staff members should not consume alcohol during any school activity where