Oakleigh South Primary School - Child Safe Standards Risk Register

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Child Safe Standard 1 -	Aboriginal cultural safety			iever:		
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, Organisational	Racism, discrimination and bullying not adequately managed and addressed Ignorance/lack of awareness Curriculum that doesn't include Aboriginal Australians An unwelcoming environment for Aboriginal students Policy development and review is not consultative	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. OSPS staff have participated in Community Understanding and Safety Training (CUST) delivered by the KESO (Koorie Engagement and Support Officer) and Elders. The school ensures that all Koorie students have individual education plans (IEPs) developed in partnership with students, families, and KESOs. The school acknowledges the Country and Traditional Owners of the land on which our school is located at the start of every school assembly and meeting as a standing agenda item The school displays the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags on school grounds (School Hall) The school arranges incursions and recognising key events and anniversaries that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Students in Year 1 & 5 participate in an Incursion facilitated by Wanyara. The program draws on the traditions of our First Nations people. Students explore various aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and perspectives. Within the teaching and learning program of The Resilience Project, teachers use the 'First Nations Cultural Connections' prompts within the lesson to make connections with our First Peoples and the land we are on. The school has engaged with a local Aboriginal Group to conduct a smoking ceremony for the whole school. The school also celebrates NAIDOC & Reconciliation Week across Year Levels. The school implements the Department of Education and Training's Koorie Education Policy to create a 		Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 1 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team) Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024

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Child Safe Standard 2 —	School leadership, governance a	nd culture	learning environment for all students that acknowledges, respects and values Aboriginal cultures and identities Oakleigh South Primary School has nominated the Assistant Principal, Erik Albers, as the NEVR Marrung Lead to support the Marrung: Aboriginal education plan 2016-2026. Other documents that address Aboriginal cultural safety 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.	level?		
	Child safety is not prioritised	Increased risk of child abuse occurring,	Our Child Safety Policy outlines the controls in place to	Yes	Identify other actions your school may take	Term 4 2023 &
Leadership, governance and culture Description: There is a risk that child safety and wellbeing is not embedded in the school's leadership, governance and culture Risk type: Organisational, Propensity	 Citilu safety is not prioritised Decision-making power concentrated in one individual Unclear accountabilities Staff and volunteers are unaware of the school's expectations relating to their conduct and role in supporting child safety and wellbeing Culture of secret keeping Poor management of conflicts of interest Lack of leadership on child safety Poor understanding of the foreseeable risks relating to child abuse Poor understanding of recordkeeping and information management Poor child safety messaging 	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 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	 our Child safety Poincy 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 Oakleigh South Primary School has nominated the Assistant Principals (Sue Jackson, Erik Albers, Nikki Virtuoso and Anthony Rowe) to support the principal (Ron Cantlon) to implement our child safety policies and practices, including staff and volunteer training and monitors the Child Safety Risk Register. This risk register is reviewed annually and after any significant child safety incident or concern The school has also established a Wellbeing Professional Learning Team to support child safety and wellbeing. The Leadership and Wellbeing Teams meet regularly to identify and respond to any ongoing matters related to child safety and wellbeing. Our Volunteers Policy supports volunteers to understand their obligations on information sharing and recordkeeping PROTECT posters and the Four Critical Actions are displayed around the school Records management obligations are met through adherence to the Records Management - School Records Policy and all staff and relevant volunteers understand their obligations on information sharing and record keeping through induction, training and support from leadership. The school reviews its child safety policies after any significant child safety incident and at least once every 2 years. 		using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 2 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team) • Due to the new re-build, Year 6 teachers to display the PROTECT posters and the Four Critical Actions in the new Year 6 area.	

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			 Consult with people external to the school who have additional expertise, such as the region (SSS) or other external agencies such as DFFH, Child First and the Orange Door. 			
Child Safe Standard 3 –	Children are safe, informed and a	actively participate				
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	Students don't know how to make 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	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	 Our Child Safety Policy outlines the controls in place to support child and student empowerment and is implemented Complaints Policy details how students can raise complaints and concerns and is promoted widely to parents and students Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure student wellbeing is supported and prioritised Students are provided with age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention programs and relevant related information through the implementation of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials/program Staff are provided with PL to further understand the Topic 7 - Gender and Identity (4Rs) & Topic 8 - Positive Gender Relations(4Rs) facilitated by the Respectful Relationships Lead – DET NEVR (Inner East). Students are educated about their rights through Health & Wellbeing programs such as the 4R's & The Resilience Project (TRP). The school accesses the Mental Health Menu to identify programs and resources that will improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for our students. Friendship and peer support are supported through the school's Playground Buddies and Social Skills programs. Students participate in year-level and class meetings to discuss students' safety issues. Through our Student Voice (SRG), students from Years 3-6 are invited to provide feedback on school-wide decisions and their views are taken into account in school decision-making. The school provides whole school transition programs to students. This also includes, our Prep Transition program with South Oakleigh College, and our Year 5 Level Transition program in Term 4. The school has a very active Prep/Year 4 & Year 1/Year 5 Buddy program. 		Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 3 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team) Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024
Child Safe Standard 4 –	Family engagement					
community involvement Description: There is a risk	 Unwelcoming staff Lack of appreciation of the value of community consultation and engagement The school does not offer information to families and 	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 school life (see Child Safe Standard 1 and 3)	 Our Child Safety Policy outlines the controls in place to engage families and is implemented All Child Safety policies and Procedures are publicly available and promoted in the school community Families and the school community are invited to have a say in the development and review of Child Safety 	Yes	Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 4 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024

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informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing Risk type: Organisational	communities or avenues to contribute to policies and decisions relating to child safety and wellbeing • Lack of staff training, culture or willingness to engage families and communities	 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 	policies, procedures and practices through our school website and newsletters The school supports Family Engagement through creating a welcoming environment with an 'Open Door' policy, nominating the Assistant Principal (Sue Jackson) as the contact person for Prep Transition, conducting school open days/tours, hosting community events, such as the school fete and Prep BBQ, to welcome families and the broader community School Leadership, Teachers and staff engage with parents and carers and discuss the needs of students through parent/teacher interviews and SSG (Student Support Group) meetings. The school provides Parent Information sessions related to child safety and wellbeing, for example, The Resilience Project and respectful relationships or online safety sessions. The school provides resources to families with information to help them to talk to their children about safety and wellbeing at home. These are available on the school's website or sent via Compass. The school's website, newsletters and communications are inclusive to reflect the diversity of our school community. This is provided through a translate function on the school's website. Child safety (Child Safe Standards) is a standing item at School Council and Staff meetings.			
Child Safe Standard 5 –	Equity and diverse needs		sensor council and start meetings.			
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,	not adequately supported for their diverse and specific needs are more at risk of abuse and	 Our Child Safety Policy outlines the controls in place to support equity and diverse needs and is implemented 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, transgender, intersex and queer/questioning (LGBTIQA+) students The school recognise and supports the extensive range of diverse student and family attributes, such as the cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, the needs of students with disability, the needs of students from diverse religious and cultural communities, the impact of prior trauma, gender differences, the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex and queer/questioning (LGBTIQA+) students, challenges for students who are in foster care, out of home care, and socio-economic factors Child safety information, support and complaints processes are culturally safe, accessible and easy to understand 	Yes	Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 5 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024

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			 The school Implements: Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships and Building Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials The Resilience Project (TRP) 			
Child Safe Standard 6 –	Suitable staff and volunteers					
(including contractors	 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 	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	 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	Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 6 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 8 Term 1 2024
hat volunteers are not suitable to work with children or effectively supported to uphold child	 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 Lack of child safety culture 	 Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety may fail to deter potential predators from volunteering at the school 	 The school's Visitor and Volunteer policies and are implemented 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 engaged to attend excursions, swimming programs and camps will be asked to undertake additional screening processes 	Yes	Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 6 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 8 Term 1 2024

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Child Safe Standard 7 – 6	complaints processes					
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 	safe and easily understood information on how to raise a complaint or concern increases the risk of students, parents and carers not reporting behaviours of concern or abuse • Students may be unwilling to report behaviours of concern or abuse if they feel they will not be taken seriously or if they do not feel safe to report • Failure to have a clear process for responding to complaints and concerns about child abuse may result in inappropriate or insufficient action being taken resulting in continued or further harm to the child and other children		Yes	• Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 7 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024
Child Safe Standard 8 – 0	Child safety knowledge, skills an	d awareness				
and awareness Description: There is a risk that staff and volunteers are not equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and students safe through ongoing education and	policy, practice or law has changed • Volunteers are not required to undertake child safety training that is appropriate to the nature of their role	and obligations results in increased risk that they will not be appropriately implemented by	 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 school camps and the school's Study Tour to Japan (exchange program) are provided with child safety training that is appropriate to the activity and the volunteer's role. 	Yes	Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 8 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team) The school will provide School council training- Child Safe Standards	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024
	Training does not cover all necessary topicsTraining is poorly facilitated	staff and volunteers and an increased risk to students of child abuse occurring and of continuing to occur undetected.	The school requires all staff to complete the 'Protecting children — Mandatory reporting and other obligations' e-learning module annually			

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Organisational	Also refer to Child Safe Standard 6 risks above		The school delivers child safety briefings for all staff, through staff meetings and year level meetings	level?		
Child Safe Standard 9 – I	Physical and online environment	s				
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	buildings or grounds are not identified and appropriately supervised or managed.	occurring on school grounds or buildings if	 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 specific areas that have been identified as a possible risk including students playing close to the school boundary fence line at the front of the school students are advised that over the running track on the oval is out of bounds garden and sport sheds are locked unless in use, with controlled access to keys students are required to go to the bathroom with another student during class time 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 	Yes	Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 9 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024
the school's child safety policies, procedures and	 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. Online safety measures fail to adapt to emerging technologies and child safety risks 	fail to identify and manage areas of risk in the	 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 and mitigate risks in the online 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 Year Levels utilise educational resources from the e-Safety Commissioner to inform students of online safety risks The school's Cybersafety program - P.A.S.S.(Positive, Alert, Secure, Smart) is implemented across the school. Teachers are provided with PL and teaching & learning resources. 	Yes	Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 9 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024
activities and use of third- party providers		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	Our school complies with relevant policies with respect to the following activities, including policies relating to child safety and wellbeing: Excursions Work Experience 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. This	Yes	Identify other actions the school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 9 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024

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school activities off-site and/or school activities involving third party providers.			includes activities such as: sport clinics on-site, and incursions by third party providers.	level?		
Risk type: Situational, Organisational, Propensity, Vulnerability						
Child Safe Standard 10 -	- Review of child safety practices					
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 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 	 A working group (led by the Assistant Principal) is established to review child safety policies and procedures A Policy Review and Communication register of the school's policies relating to the child safe standards and other school policies, including approvers and review cycles is used to support staff to maintain and update our policies The school updates any child safety policy, procedure or practice where gaps or improvements are identified The school has a log of complaints and concerns to allow us to monitor areas for improvement in our child safety policies, procedures and practices (located on the U: Drive). The school informs families through the school's newsletter when child safety and wellbeing policies have been reviewed and updated 		Identify other actions the school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 10 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team) The school will inform families through our school's newsletter when child safety and wellbeing policies are being reviewed and ensure they are invited to provide feedback	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024
Child Safe Standard 11 -	- Implementation of child safety	practices				
Risk Title: Policies and procedures Description: There is a risk that policies and procedures do not effectively document how the organisation is safe for children and students and are not effectively implemented by staff and volunteers. Risk type: Organisational	 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 	the risk of child abuse • If child safety policies and procedures are not	 Our staff and relevant volunteers are inducted and trained on our child safety policies, procedures and practices and are supported to implement them Our school leaders model our child safety policies, procedures and practices and address any performance concerns relating to staff conduct or implementation Our Child Safety Officers (Assistant Principals) regularly review 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. 		Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at PROTECT Child Safe Standard 11 (Assistant Principals and Wellbeing Professional Learning Team)	Term 4 2023 & Term 1 2024