

Child Safe Standards Risk Register

School name:	Carnegie Primary School	Responsible staff member:	Liz Harley – Leading Teacher
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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, 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 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 and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to establish a culturally safe environment other documents that address Aboriginal cultural safety: 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. When an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student enrols at CPS, the Principal or nominee is to contact the local Indigenous community for additional information pertaining to the education of Indigenous children. IEP for each student by the classroom teacher KESO – DE contacted by the Principal or nominee 		 Action Plan – Aboriginal Learning, Wellbeing and Safety Policy outlines the actions available for enrolling and maintaining the Indigenous customs of children while attending school. Chronicle incidents of racism and discrimination on Compass. 	Ongoing



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Risk Title: Student empowerment • Students don't know how to make a complaint or raise a • Abuse is more likely to happen if students do not feel supported to • Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to support child and student empowerment and is • Students don't know how to make a complaint or raise a • Students don't know how to make a complaint or raise a • Students don't know how to make a complaint or raise a • Students don't know how to make a complaint or raise a	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	 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 systemic issues that required changes to policy, procedure or practice. Physical and psychological harm as a	place to ensure a child safe culture is embedded across the school 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 and Wellbeing 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 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			Term 2
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their rights, participate in decisions affecting them or be taken seriously Risk type: Vulnerability	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	 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 	 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 Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials Students are educated about their rights through: Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships lesson delivery, Zones of Regulation, Start Up Program, Restorative Practices approaches and Cyber Safety lessons. Friendship and peer support are promoted through: Restorative approach to behaviour management, RRRR whole school approach and lesson delivery, Peer Mentor Program, Better Buddies Program and friendship seats. CPS has a strong wellbeing focus that is evident in all learning spaces – lesson content, student work, posters that promote positive behaviours and student rights and responsibilities. All classes develop a passion statement at the beginning of the year that outlines the expectations of behaviour and attitude towards themselves and each other. Lunchtime clubs and activities are available for students each day and a break out space is dedicated for students needing sensory regulation or partner play. 		Contact Police Protective Unit to run sessions for senior students to inform and keep them safe in the online world.	Term 1, 2023
Child Safe Standard	4 – Family engagement					
community involvement	 Unwelcoming staff Lack of appreciation of the value of community consultation and engagement The school does not offer information to families and 	without input from families may result in practices that do not cover all the diverse needs of students, resulting in a	 Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to engage families and is implemented All child safety and wellbeing 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 and 		 Parent Information Evenings – RRRR Topic 7 and 8 to be held annually. Inform CPS families about CPS approach to Child Safety and Wellbeing and the roles and 	ongoing



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communities are not 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	to actively participate in 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	school website and newsletters School council approves all Child Safe Policies as representatives of our CPS community.		responsibilities of staff through website and newsletters.	
Child Safe Standard	5 – Equity and diverse need	S				
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	identified for targeted support (such as students with disability, students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+), students in	who are not adequately supported for their diverse and specific needs are more at risk of abuse and harm and will be less able or willing to report concerns. • Experiencing discrimination can	implemented	Yes	 Vanessa Hamilton Sexuality Education Program being investigated as a whole school approach towards sexuality, gender and consent education in 2023. (Jenni – Wellbeing Leader) Investigate preferred pronouns on rolls / reports Policy committee to consider school uniforms options that may be gender neutral. 	Semester 2, 2023



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	 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 		 o Volunteers Policy o Visitors Policy o Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy Implement: o Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships and Building Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials o Respectful Relationships whole school approach 			
Child Safe Standard	6 – Suitable staff and volunte	eers				
(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	 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 	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	 Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place: o for child safe recruitment and screening practices for staff. o to ensure staff are provided with an appropriate induction in the school's child safety policies and practices. o to ensure ongoing supervision and management of staff is focused on child safety and wellbeing All actions and strategies outlined in our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy are implemented in a timely, informative and communicative manner. Allied Health Professionals, Contractors or other professionals must sign in to the main office on the COMPASS KIOSK and present WWCC card if working with students on site. All volunteers and visitors to the school will be fully supervised and monitored throughout their time at school All volunteers including parents, carers, family members and friends are required to have a current Working with Children Card (WWCC) and have it on school register. All volunteers including parents, carers, family members and friends must sign in at the Compass Kiosk located at the school office when on school grounds in a volunteer capacity. 		Liz Harley to create timetable of Allied Health Support workers and student tutors	Term 2, 2023



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		management results in increased risk of	 Recruitment policies follow DE guidelines. Eg verifying VIT Reg, WWC clearance etc All volunteers working in the classroom must read handbook and sign volunteer agreement before beginning work in classrooms. 			
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 Risk type: Organisational, Propensity		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 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)	 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 escort / accompany students and staff on interstate or overseas trips as part of the excursion staff, volunteers who will be engaging closely with students in a school production where staff supervision may not always be present, 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 high-risk settings will always be supervised by a member of school staff Volunteer behaviour that is inconsistent with the school's child safety and wellbeing policies and practices will be addressed by school staff swiftly and with a focus on child safety and wellbeing. All volunteers and visitors to the school will be fully supervised and monitored throughout their time at school All volunteers including parents, carers, family members and friends are required to have a current Working 			



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			with Children Card (WWCC) and have it visible while on school grounds. • All volunteers including parents, carers, family members and friends must sign in at the Compass Kiosk located at the school office when on school grounds in a volunteer capacity.			
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.	 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 Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse 	 Complaints Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure students are provided with accessible, culturally safe and easily understood information on raising a complaint or concern Child Safety Responding and Reporting 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 and Wellbeing Policy sets out all recordkeeping, privacy and information sharing obligations that must be met when responding to complaints and concerns. All complaints and concerns are managed in accordance with employment law obligations and our school seeks advice from Employee Conduct Branch and Legal Division when dealing with complaints and concerns relating to child abuse by a member/former member of staff or school council employee or contractor 	Yes		



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skills 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 training Risk type: Organisational	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 is appropriate to the nature of their role Training does not cover all necessary topics Training is poorly facilitated	including inappropriate behaviour and signs of harm resulting in increased risk of failing to protect children from child abuse, and underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant staff and authorities Insufficient understanding about the school's child safety and wellbeing policies, practices, and obligations	 Our Child Safety and Wellbeing 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 Volunteers that are engaged to supervise students where CPS staff may not always be present are provided with child safety training that is appropriate to the activity and the volunteer's role. Induction of volunteers to ensure Child Safety compliance-Volunteer handbook and induction. All staff at CPS must undertake the annual Mandatory Reporting training as well as other professional learning in understanding and implementing the Child Safety Standards and any updates that are made available as a matter of priority. 			
Child Safe Standard	9 – Physical and online envi	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	school buildings or grounds are not identified and appropriately supervised or managed.	occurring on school grounds or buildings	 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 high risk including between portables, the BUSH Kinder space, front of Prep Building Child safety and wellbeing 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 and Wellbeing Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct Students advised that the area behind the Year 3 portable is out of bounds as it is difficult to supervise. Garden sheds and store cupboards are locked unless in use, with controlled access to keys 		Clear guidelines for CRT – Yard Duty Induction for new staff – • Yard duty • School processes • EMP • OHS	ongoing



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			 School grounds are well lit for after school activities Students are required to go to the bathroom with another student during class time Toilets and changing rooms are located in a central area of the school and the entrance and exit has good visibility from other areas of the school Year 5 Peer Mentors wear Purple Hi-Vis vests and support students with social incidents on the yard during recess and lunchtimes. 			
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 risk of abuse and harm in the school's online environment Risk type: Situational	 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 	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 and wellbeing 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 and Wellbeing Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct Staff work on Google Drive using Department of Education log ins to ensure privacy and security. All school laptops and iPads are checked for illegal and uploaded apps and websites by the CPS computer technician as well as other suitable staff members. CPS is an eSMART school (Alannah Madeline Foundation eSafety recognition) 	Yes	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. Safety Scope and Sequence Online learning protocols developed	Semester 2, 2023
Risk Title: Off-site school activities and use of third-party providers Description: There is a risk that the school's child safety policies, procedures	 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 	 Our school complies with relevant policies with respect to the following activities, including policy relating to child safety and wellbeing: Government schools – Excursions Doctors in Secondary Schools NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools Work Experience Procurement 	Yes	•	



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and practices do not adequately address and manage the risk of abuse at school activities off-site and/or school activities involving third party providers. Risk type: Situational, Organisational, Propensity, Vulnerability			 Structured Workplace Learning School Community Work 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. Risk Management protocols and processes apply to all excursions and incursions and need to be completed online with Principal approval. All excursions must adhere to the staff/ student ratio stated by the Department of Education Victoria. In addition, all parent/ care helpers are to be visibly wearing their WWCC All incursions are to be fully supervised by teachers and where possible, all third party providers are to have a current WWCC and the relevant organisation be accredited to provide education to children. Social Media Policy – parents are not permitted to take photos of students during excursions. They are not permitted to post photos to any social media platform. 			
Child Safe Standard	10 – Review of child safety p	practices				
improvement Description: There is a risk that the	 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 	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	Carnegie Primary School ensures child safety policies, procedures and practices are regularly reviewed and improved, for example • 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-Wellbeing Team, SIT and Policy and Planning committee. • We determine the causes of child safety incidents and monitor for repeat issues or systemic failures, updating any	Yes	•	



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Organisational	Failure to inform families and communities of the outcome of reviews of child safety policies, procedures and practices	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	 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 reviewed and ensure they are invited to provide feedback We review policies and update regularly Child Safety policies during staff meetings and School Council meetings 			
Child Safe Standard	111 – Implementation of child	d 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	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	 If child safety policy and procedures fail to address all aspects of the Child Safe Standards it will result in gaps in protection of children and increased risk relating to child abuse If child safety policies and procedures are not effectively documented or are difficult to 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 compromised ability to protect children from child abuse. Failure to induct, train and support staff and relevant volunteers on implementation of child safety policies 	 Our suite of child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures address all aspects of the Child Safe Standards Our staff and relevant volunteers are inducted and trained on our child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices and are supported to implement them Our school leaders champion and model our child safety policies, procedures and practices and address any performance concerns relating to staff conduct or implementation Our Child Safety Champion regularly reviews PROTECT auidance and other relevant policies to ensure our own local child safety policies, procedures and practices are informed by best practice and updated where required. 	Yes		



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