



The Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart and St Columba

*Our Parish is a Christian community which welcomes all to walk together
in a spirit of compassion, justice and hope.*

*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity
of all children and vulnerable adults.*

Safeguarding Report for 6 February 2025 PLDT meeting

Archdiocese Safeguarding Unit

Fr John, Christine and Jane will be attending a seminar featuring international renowned safeguarding expert Rev Dr Hans Zollner SJ next Tuesday 11 February. Fr Hans will explore 'Safeguarding through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching'.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 11 February

Each year in February across the globe Safer Internet Day is a day of action dedicated to raising awareness of online safety. The eSafety Commissioner has established a Safer Internet Day Hub where you can find everything you need to make online safety visible in your school, workplace, home or community.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/whats-on/sid>

The Safeguarding committee has access to a significant number of resources to ensure we are supporting safe use of online environments. These are included on our website and displayed on church noticeboards.

Updated Self Assessment Tool

The Safeguarding Committee has completed the Commission for Children and Young People's 'Understanding cultural safety for Aboriginal children and young people' tool. It shows that we have and display appropriate resources to support Aboriginal children and young people but that we need to make stronger connections with local Aboriginal people and agencies.

Well informed practice for supporting our Indigenous community is an increased part of the self assessment tool. For our Parish, we can also use this tool as the basis of our practice for other marginalised groups.

We respectfully acknowledge the Yaluk-ut Weelam clan of the Boonwurrung Nation who are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land.

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