



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 3 October 2024 PLDT meeting

Parish Safeguarding Weekend

As per our Safeguarding Framework we held an annual Parish Safeguarding Weekend on 7 / 8 September 2024. This was held at the end of National Child Protection Week.

In the 4 weeks leading up to the weekend, we included a range of safeguarding information and links to resources in the newsletter and on the website.

As per our commitment, the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration is signed yearly by clergy and staff and three yearly by volunteers. We do however, use the Safeguarding Weekend to recommit to our Safeguarding Framework.

This year we did this through a heart poster which included some explanatory information and quotes from the Code of Conduct. In the lead up to the weekend we asked parishioners to poster and it was then processed with John at the beginning of the weekend masses.

Updated Self-Assessment Tool

The Safeguarding Committee continues work on the self assessment tool. Fundamentally, we are well placed with evidence but there are a range of new areas where we have identified information / procedures to update / implement.

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