

Shared responsibilities for safeguarding children and young people



How you can help us keep children and young people safe

CatholicCare Tasmania wants to create an environment where all children and young people can participate in its services and programs to build confidence and dignity and control over their lives.

As a parent or guardian, you are a person of great importance in your child's life and we ask that you help us to help your child. Because of this, we would like all parents and guardians to support us by:

Parents/Guardians – please do

- Encourage your child to participate in our programs.
- Pick your child up on time at the end of a program or session.
- Tell us if your child is to be picked up by someone we do not know.
- Feel free to speak to our program coordinator about any aspect of the program, including any concerns you might have about a worker or other child. We want to work with you to make sure your child gets the best out of the program.
- Demonstrate the positive behaviour that you want to see in your child.

Parents/Guardians – please advise us

- Of any special needs your child may have.
- If your child is going to be away or does not want to come to the program any longer. If you can tell us why we may be able to adapt what we do to create a more welcoming environment, we always want to do things better.
- Of any changes in your or your child's contact details for use in an emergency.

Parents/Guardians – please do not

- Criticise our workers in front of your child – please speak to us away from your child to make sure they do not feel uncomfortable. We always want to know more about your child's needs so that we can work better with them.
- Behave in ways that criticise, belittle or intimidate any child.
- Ask for any benefits outside of our programs, for example, babysitting or lifts home for your child or to participate in social activities outside of the program or activity.
- Behave in a way that sets children apart because of their colour, religion, gender, nationality or dress.
- Behave in ways that others may see as violent or aggressive.

Parents and Guardians – we ask that you help us by upholding these principles and work with us to provide the very best services and care possible to children and young people, together we can meet the needs of your child and ensure a place of safety for all children.



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