



PARK ORCHARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Safe Standard 6

Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse

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INTENT OF CHILD SAFE STANDARD 6: P.O.P.S. must develop, implement, monitor and evaluate risk management strategies to ensure child safety in the organisation's environments.

RISK ASSESSMENT - IMPLEMENTATION

P.O.P.S. has the following processes for identifying and reducing or removing risks of child abuse;

1. Identify the school's child safety risks across the range of school environments using the DET risk assessment template (see link below) as well as a similar methodology in for all school excursion, camps and activity planning

Risk assessment include but not be limited to:

- swimming, incursions, excursions, camps,
 - use of buses to transport
 - extra-curricular activities
 - classroom visitors, parents & grandparents
 - athletics or sporting events on or offsite
 - students staying in during breaks, toilets, times outside supervision times of 8.45-3.45pm on school days
 - clean up duty
 - contractors onsite
 - students with a disability
2. Identify any existing risk mitigation measures or internal controls
3. Assess and rate the school's child safety risks given the existing controls in place, taking into account the likelihood of risk, and the likely consequence of the risk
4. If the risk rating is more than the 'acceptable level', identify further risk management strategies through additional controls or other prevention, detection or mitigation strategies and then re-assess the risk

The risk management process is documented, recorded and reviewed periodically. Effective risk management strategies are dynamic and change over time as new risks arise and others may no longer be relevant.

Effective risk management strategies need to be transparent, well understood and diverse, to take account of the increased level of risk associated with the specific nature of some activities and the vulnerability of particular groups.

RESOURCES AND REFERENCES:

- A step-by-step guide to making a report to Child Protection or Child FIRST:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/childprotection/Pages/report.aspx>
- Department of Education and Training (2016) School Policy Advisory Guide: Risk Management Policy and associated tools
- DET School risk register template:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/childprotection/Pages/csssix.aspx>
- DET OHS risk management: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/safetyhw/Pages/ohsmgtssystem.aspx>
- Contractor and Volunteer Worker OHS Management:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/safetyhw/Pages/ohsmgtssystem.aspx>