



CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT **Statement of Commitment and Homestay Family Acknowledgement**

Dear Homestay Families

Frankston High School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Frankston High School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Frankston high School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the safety of children and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in Frankston High School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific roles they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

In its planning, decision-making and operations **Frankston High School will:**

- Take a preventive, proactive and participatory approach to child safety
- Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives
- Foster a culture of openness that supports everyone to safely disclose risks of harm to children
- Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount
- Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children
- Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff, homestay host and volunteer supervision and professional development
- Apply a rigorous approach to the recruitment, approval and monitoring of homestay accommodation for children, with aim of minimising associated risks to international students
- Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues
- Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities, including immediately advising the Employee Conduct Branch of any reportable conduct for the purposes of the reportable conduct scheme
- Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk
- Value the input of and communicate regularly with families, homestay.

Homestay Family Guidelines

- If you have any student safety concerns, please contact the International Student Coordinator.
- Please do not use inappropriate language in front of students, this includes swearing, expressing views on culture, race, sexuality or disability.
- There is a responsibility to report a child under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs to the International Student Coordinator.

I have read and understand my responsibilities of the Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Homestay Name: _____ Homestay Signature: _____ Date: / /