



CHILD SAFE GUIDELINES

International Student Homestay Providers

RATIONALE

All staff and volunteers at Frankston High School are required to observe child safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour toward and in the company of children, as noted below. Frankston High School requires all International Homestay Providers to promote child safety by acting in accordance with the school's Child Safety policies.

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the school's *Child Safety Policy* and *Child Safety Code of Conduct*, publicly available on the Frankston High School website.

GUIDELINES

All personnel of Frankston High School (including Homestay Providers) are responsible for supporting the safety, participation, wellbeing and empowerment of children by:

- Adhering to the Frankston High School Child Safety Policy at all times/upholding the Frankston High School Child Safety Code of Conduct at all times
- Taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- Treating everyone with respect
- Listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child has been abused and/or are worried about their safety or the safety of another child
- Promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having zero tolerance of discrimination)
- Promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of children with a disability (for example, during personal care activities)
- Reporting any allegations of child abuse to the International Student Coordinator and ensure any allegation be reported to the police or child protection
- Reporting any child safety concerns to the International Student Coordinator;
- If an allegation of child abuse is made, ensure, as quickly as possible, that the child(ren) are safe
- Encouraging children to 'have a say' and participate in all relevant organizational activities where possible, especially on issues that are important to them.

Homestay families must not:

- Exhibit behaviours with children which may be construed as unnecessarily physical
- Put children at risk of abuse (for example, by locking doors)
- Do things of a personal nature that a child can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- Engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children (for example, personal social activities)

- Use inappropriate language in the presence of children
- Express personal views on culture, race or sexuality in the presence of children
- Discriminate against any child, including not but limited to, culture, race, ethnicity or disability
- Ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child abuse.

By observing these standards you acknowledge your responsibility to immediately report any breach of this code to:

- Frankston High School International Student Coordinator, Sharon Koning, on 0419 258 945
- Frankston High School International Student Director, Cathy Hogg, on 9783 7955.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.