



CHILD SAFETY OFFICER ROLE

The role of the child safety officer is to inform staff and the wider school community of the school's policies in relation to child safety and staff code of conduct and to protect students at Officer Specialist School from any form of abuse. It is also to liaise with the Indigenous and Cultural Officer to ensure that Officer Specialist School promotes the cultural safety of Aboriginal students and students from diverse cultural backgrounds.

The Child Safe Officer is Helene Rowe.

The Indigenous and Cultural Officer is Ron Townsend

The Child Safety Officer will:

1. to inform and make staff, school council and the school community aware of policies in relation to child safe.
2. to ensure staff are aware that it is their duty to report any concerns regarding improper behaviour and to raise concerns about any person who may present a risk of child abuse, without fear of repercussions.
3. to provide all staff with a copy of the school's code of conduct and make this publicly available in the school.
4. to ensure that all training and induction is delivered to staff and school council so that they understand that child safety is the collective responsibility of all members of the school community and are aware of their responsibilities and obligations around child safety.
5. to be the key contact for staff to report all allegations or concerns around child abuse.
6. to provide support to staff in managing and reporting suspected child abuse and assisting other personnel involved in line with the school's child protection policy.
7. to ensure that the documentation is recorded and responded to in line with DET and school's legal requirements, policies and procedures.
8. to be the first point of contact for children, parents and employees/volunteers to seek advice and support regarding the safety and wellbeing of children at Officer Specialist School
9. to liaise with the Indigenous and Cultural Officer to ensure that Officer Specialist School promotes the cultural safety of Aboriginal students and students from diverse cultural backgrounds.

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