

# TERANG COLLEGE

# CHILD PROTECTION

## POLICY (Student)

### 1. RATIONALE

Terang College is committed to creating and maintaining systems of work that protect the health, safety and psychological wellbeing of all children at the school.

### 2. AIMS

To provide a safe and healthy College environment that takes into consideration the needs of all students, including those who may be at risk.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1. Issues, actions and decisions relating to this policy will take into account Department of Education and Training policies, memos, guidelines and circulars and Government Ministerial Orders and Acts.
- 3.2. Terang College will ensure:
  - 3.2.1. child protection issues are identified and assessed.
  - 3.2.2. all staff are aware of the education policy on child protection/abuse in their educational system.
  - 3.2.3. appropriate programs that teach children how to protect themselves against abuse are developed and implemented at the College.
  - 3.2.4. suitable training and information is provided so staff who may suspect child abuse are aware of and understand their options (such as reporting to Principals or directly to local welfare authorities).
  - 3.2.5. where child abuse is suspected, this is reported to the appropriate government department of community health and family services.
  - 3.2.6. access to counselling services is provided for the child as an adjunct to reporting.
  - 3.2.7. staff are aware of counselling available for those who have experienced particularly traumatic incidents in relation to child abuse.
  - 3.2.8. a workplace culture is encouraged that gives support to children who have been abused and to staff who report suspected child abuse.
  - 3.2.9. interventions in relation to child abuse problems are monitored and evaluated, and followed up with further action if required.
- 3.3. Allocation of Responsibility:

The staff member designated as the contact point for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect is the Principal or delegate.

### 4. EVALUATION

- 4.1. This policy will be reviewed every three years.

*Approved by College Council on 20/08/2018*