

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

- This school complies with all requirements of the *NSW Child Protection Legislation*. This includes:
 - Requirements to collect declarations from all paid employees and volunteer helpers who undertake tasks on behalf of the school that may involve unsupervised contact with students. If you wish to volunteer for such tasks at this school you will be required to sign such a declaration.
 - Undertaking the *Working with Children Background Check* (employment screening) for paid employees of the school.
 - Making notifications of ‘risk of significant harm’ (or abuse) to students to Community Services (formerly DOCS) as per mandatory reporting laws (see attached brochure).
 - Managing allegations of child abuse against employees of the school according to the requirements of the NSW Ombudsman and the Commission for Children and Young People.
 - Ensuring that all paid employees or volunteers are appropriately informed of their obligations under the legislation.
- This school also applies curriculum and pastoral practice to ensure the safety and well being of students attending the school.

VOLUNTEERS

- Child Protection legislation **requires** that all those who undertake volunteer tasks on behalf of the school, where those tasks may involve unsupervised contact with students, must sign a *Prohibited Employment Declaration*.
- This means that the volunteer must not be a *prohibited person* and must sign the declaration accordingly.

This school will require you to sign the declaration if you are intending to volunteer to undertake tasks on behalf of the school where unsupervised contact with students is possible.