

FisherONE Online Education Safeguarding Plan 2026

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Our Safeguarding Commitment

As an agency of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we have a zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

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Acknowledgement of Country

FisherONE Online Education, as part of Brisbane Catholic Education, acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our school is based in Mt Gravatt East, and the many lands across Queensland from which our students and families connect and learn each day.

We honour the enduring relationship First Nations peoples have with Country, the lands, waters and skies that have been cared for through wisdom, responsibility and love for tens of thousands of years. We pay our deep respects to Elders past and present, and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who continue to nurture culture, community and identity across generations.

We give thanks for the rich cultures, Spiritualities and knowledges that First Nations peoples share with us. These ways of knowing, being and doing strengthen our understanding of community, justice and care for one another and for creation.

As an online Catholic learning community, we are committed to creating culturally safe and inclusive spaces where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, families and staff are seen, respected and affirmed, regardless of where they are learning from.

Cultural safety calls us to listen deeply, reflect honestly and walk together with humility and courage. It asks us to ensure our teaching, relationships and practices uphold dignity, belonging and justice for all.

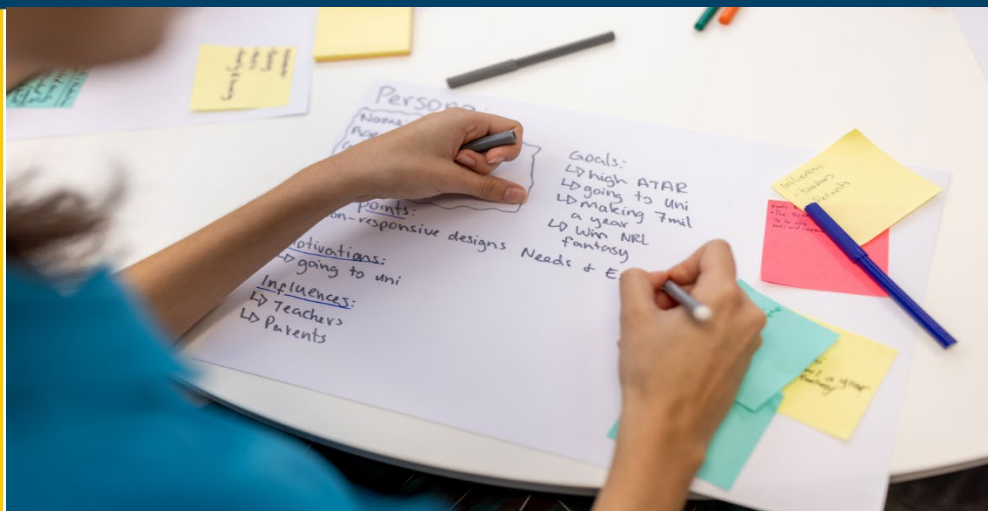
May we walk gently and respectfully together across all the lands we are connected to, learning from First Nations peoples and from one another, so that our community is a place of welcome, truth-telling and hope.

May we be one in land, one in Spirit, and one in Faith, united in God's love and committed to justice as educators across this land.

Introduction

Because wherever a child or vulnerable person is safe, there you serve and honour Christ.

Pope Francis written address to the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors' plenary assembly in Rome March 24-28, 2025.



FisherONE Online Education, based at Mount Gravatt East, is committed to creating environments where children and young people feel protected, valued, and heard. Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and every child has the right to grow and thrive free from harm.

We are guided by our Christian Catholic Tradition and the teachings of Jesus Christ who advocated for the protection of children and the marginalised. Our mission to teach, challenge and transform through our educational endeavours is actioned by Catholic Social Teaching, as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The Queensland Government recently introduced new Child Safe Standards. These Standards clearly outline what child safe organisations must do to create environments where children are protected, respected and able to speak up. They focus on building safe, welcoming cultures, hearing and valuing children's voices, working closely with families, celebrating diversity, making sure the right people work with children, responding quickly to concerns, and always looking for ways to improve safety.

Throughout 2026, our school will review its compliance against the new Child Safe Standards using a phased approach in line with Queensland Family and Child Commission guidelines. We will review, self-assess and report against selected Standards each term, building towards full implementation and continuous improvement across all Standards by the end of the year. This staged process allows FisherONE Online Education to embed the Standards meaningfully and ensure our practices reflect the needs, voices and safety of our students.

As a Catholic school within the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we honour the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commitment and uphold the values of Catholic education in our safeguarding practices.

This School Safeguarding Plan is developed in consultation with students, families, and employees, and is contextualised to our local school environment. It reflects our commitment to continuous improvement, cultural safety, and child-centred practice, and is supported by both Brisbane Catholic Education policies and procedures and school-specific safeguarding actions. Further Information about BCE wide practices can be accessed [here](#).

For more information or to request accessible formats, please contact the school Principal.

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The Child Safe Standards



Standard 1: Leadership and Culture

Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in the entity's organisational leadership, governance, and culture.



Standard 2: Voice of children

Children are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.



Standard 3: Family and community

Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.



Standard 4: Equity and diversity

Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.



Standard 5: People

People working with children are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.



Standard 6: Complaints management

Processes to respond to complaints and concerns are child-focused.



Standard 7: Knowledge and skills

Staff and volunteers of the entity are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and awareness to keep children safe through ongoing education and training.



Standard 8: Physical and online environments

Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing and minimise the opportunity for children to be harmed.



Standard 9: Continuous improvement

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.



Standard 10: Policies and procedures

Policies and procedures document how the entity is safe for children.



Universal Principle

Requires child safe entities to provide an environment that promotes and upholds the right to cultural safety.

Safeguarding Focus Areas

The 10 standards are grouped under four key focus areas:



The Universal Principle

Ensuring cultural safety through the Universal Principle is essential for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families.



While the Principle intentionally focuses on First Nations children, the cultural safety indicators which make up the Principle are designed to adopt a proactive and comprehensive approach to safeguarding, ensuring that policies, and practices are inclusive for all children, particularly those who may be marginalised or vulnerable. The Universal Principle is embedded within all 10 Standards.

Cultural Safety Indicators

- 1 Transformational unlearning** – Organisations must challenge unconscious bias, racism, and discrimination within their structures and workforce.
- 2 Negotiating values, motivations, and paradigm** – Policies and programs should be co-designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to reflect their perspectives on child safety.
- 3 Prioritising social and emotional wellbeing and health** – A holistic, strengths-based approach must be adopted to support the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, staff, and families.
- 4 Sharing power and decision-making** – Decision-making processes should be led or co-led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to ensure genuine partnerships.
- 5 Sharing resources** – Organisations should dedicate resources to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led initiatives, research, and governance mechanisms, where appropriate.
- 6 Creating a strategic enabling environment** – Leadership must set clear priorities and accountability structures ensure cultural safety into daily operations.
- 7 Operating on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander terms of reference** – Service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children should be grounded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems and self-determination principles.
- 8 Accountability and continuous quality improvement** – Progress should be measured using Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-defined success indicators, ensuring sustained improvement.

The Cultural Capability Framework

This framework enables Brisbane Catholic Education to develop a workforce grounded in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural humility, enabling responsive and innovative practices that contribute to Reconciliation. The Cultural Capability Framework and Molum Sabe assists our workforce to critically reflect on individual and organisational practices and develop effective practices across four cultural standards:



Teaching

Culturally responsive teachers and education professionals create the conditions for respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and learning of knowledges, identities, cultures and languages.



Relationships

We develop relationships and connections with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, students, families and communities to build and sustain inclusive and culturally safe practices and environments.



Environment

We establish an inclusive and culturally safe environment, where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, students, families and communities feel a sense of belonging and connection.



Leadership

All employees are accountable for building and sustaining inclusive and culturally safe practices and environments with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, students, families, and communities. Leaders have additional responsibilities to articulate a clear vision and provide ongoing cultural capability development opportunities for employees.

Standard 1: Leadership and Culture

Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in the entity's organisational leadership, governance, and culture¹



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 1

At BCE, student safety is central to how we plan, think and act, shaping a safeguarding culture that protects their safety and wellbeing. We use a whole of organisation approach; led by strong leadership, embedded in practice and supported through shared responsibility. Clear policies, codes of conduct, Student Protection Processes and risk management plans set behavioural expectations and guide how we keep children safe. Our Safeguarding Policy aligns with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Framework and is available on our website. Leaders are accountable for ensuring these requirements are followed and continually improved. Safeguarding is a system critical foundation of the BCE Strategic Plan 2025–2027 and an identified enterprise risk, monitored through regular monitoring, internal audits and escalation pathways. Governance transparency is reinforced through quarterly reporting to the BCE Executive Team, Safeguarding Committee and Catholic Education Council, including assessments of practice effectiveness and improvement progress. We take a strong stand against discrimination, bias or harm toward any child and are committed to cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

What Standard 1 looks like at our school:

At FisherONE, leadership and culture are defined by a strong, visible commitment to student safety and wellbeing, embedded in everyday practice across our online environment. Safeguarding is understood as a shared responsibility, with all staff actively monitoring student engagement, behaviour and wellbeing in both live lessons and asynchronous spaces. A culture of vigilance is promoted, where raising concerns is expected and supported, and early identification of disengagement or emotional change enables timely intervention. Leadership structures, including weekly student support meetings, ensure a coordinated and responsive approach, while consistent behaviour expectations and follow-up processes strengthen a safe and supportive learning environment.

This culture is further strengthened through strong partnerships with families and base schools, ensuring a collective approach to student wellbeing across contexts. Regular communication, shared responsibility, and collaborative problem-solving support continuity of care for each learner. Staff capability is developed through ongoing professional learning in safeguarding, trauma-informed practice and inclusive approaches, ensuring responses are informed and consistent. The use of digital tools such as Microsoft Reflect and Insights enables staff to monitor wellbeing data and respond proactively. Through intentional pastoral structures, inclusive practices and a commitment to continuous improvement, FisherONE fosters a connected, culturally safe and responsive environment where every student is known, supported and able to thrive.

¹ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standard (NCSS): Standard 1: Committed Leadership Governance and Culture | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld), Schedule 1, Section 2(1), (2)(a) and (2)(b) | Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld) s 6 (1), (2) and s9 (e)

Standard 2: Voice of children

Children are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously²



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 2

We strive to create a culture where every child feels safe, heard and confident to share their ideas or concerns. Our employees and volunteers are supported to engage respectfully with students, listen carefully, and respond to their immediate needs. BCE's school safeguarding storybooks and animation series help explain our policies, processes and key safeguarding concepts to students in age appropriate ways. We also support schools to deliver Consent and Respectful Relationships Education so students understand their rights, identify trusted adults, and build positive, healthy and respectful relationships. Each year, students across all BCE schools are invited to share their views through the *Tell Them From Me* survey. This feedback helps us understand how students are feeling, their concerns and how we can strengthen safety and support in our schools. Our Student Voice Program gives students a platform to contribute to BCE wide decisions affecting their safety, wellbeing and learning. Our Archdiocesan First Nations Student Representative Council and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Team help co-design culturally safe policies and practices.

What Standard 2 looks like at our school:

FisherONE ensures students are informed, can participate in decisions affecting them, and are supported to raise concerns through structured processes within the online learning environment and in partnership with base schools.

Key practices:

1. Student onboarding and orientation

All students complete an orientation process that clearly outlines learning expectations, communication pathways, safety expectations, and how to seek help. This is reinforced through the Student Handbook and Student Learning Agreement.

2. Embedded voice in weekly learning design

Weekly modules and live lessons provide structured opportunities for students to ask questions, seek clarification, and provide feedback on their learning. These interactions inform ongoing adjustments to teaching and support.

3. Ongoing wellbeing monitoring and response

Student engagement data (attendance, communication, assessment progress) is monitored to identify students who may require support. Follow-up occurs through teacher contact and, where appropriate, coordination with base schools.

4. Student Representative Council and informal feedback loops

Student voice is gathered through the SRC, Student Learning Conferences, and ongoing teacher-student communication. Feedback is used to inform improvements to learning delivery and student support.

These practices ensure that student voice is embedded through access to information, structured participation in learning, and responsive support processes that prioritise student safety and engagement. FisherONE continues to strengthen consistency in capturing and documenting student feedback to further enhance transparency and continuous improvement.

² Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Standard 2 Children and Adults Are Safe, Informed and Participate | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) sch 1 s 2(8) (a) (ii) | Education (Accreditation of Non-state schools) Regulation (Qld) 2017 s 16(4) (a)-(b)

Standard 3: Family and community

Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing³



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 3

Student safety, wellbeing and learning are best supported when families and schools work together and share responsibility for protecting students. At BCE, we believe informed and engaged families and communities are essential to creating safe learning environments. We support schools to partner with families in ways that are consistent, respectful, culturally safe and shaped by local needs. We also make sure families and community members have clear, accessible information about our safeguarding approach and how to raise concerns. Each year, parents and caregivers share their perspectives through the *Tell Them From Me* Parent Survey. This feedback helps BCE understand family experiences and concerns, guiding improvements that make our schools safer and more supportive for students.

What Standard 3 looks like at our school:

1. Communication of safeguarding expectations

FisherONE communicates safeguarding expectations to families at enrolment and during orientation through standardised documentation and onboarding processes. This includes clear articulation of student safety responsibilities, online conduct expectations, and escalation pathways to ensure families understand their role in supporting student wellbeing.

2. Family and community participation in safety and wellbeing

Families are engaged in school-wide safety and wellbeing processes through structured communication channels and pastoral engagement points. Where appropriate, families are involved in support planning and response processes to ensure shared responsibility for student wellbeing and continuity of care.

3. Engagement with community partnerships

FisherONE engages with parent and community stakeholders, including P&F and base school partners, through structured liaison processes and targeted communication. These partnerships support shared understanding of student learning needs, wellbeing considerations, and transition requirements.

4. Feedback mechanisms and responsive action

FisherONE collects and responds to feedback from families and base schools through formal and informal mechanisms, including pastoral communication, enrolment and withdrawal discussions, and ongoing liaison processes. Feedback is reviewed to inform continuous improvement in communication, engagement, and student support practices.

5. Evidence of practice and continuous improvement

Evidence of practice is maintained through documented communication records, enrolment and onboarding materials, pastoral interaction logs, and Parent Portal reporting systems. Feedback and operational data are used to inform planned improvements, with review points embedded in implementation cycles at the end of each term.

³ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Standard 3 Partnering With Families Carers And Communities | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) sch 1 s 2(8) (a) (ii) | Education (Accreditation of Non-state schools) Regulation (Qld) 2017 s 16(4) (a)–(b)

Standard 4: Equity and diversity

Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice⁴



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 4

Every student deserves to flourish and has the right to learn in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment, free from discrimination, bullying and harassment. BCE supports all students, regardless of background, identity or ability, to access and fully participate in their learning. We embed equity at the heart of our culture through the Student Diversity and Inclusion Policy, the Student Wellbeing Policy and the Queensland Catholic Education Council's Inclusive Practice in Catholic Schools. We expect school practices to reflect each child's circumstances and needs, and to prioritise culturally safe, trauma informed approaches in planning, communication and engagement. The Engage Student Support System and the Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) help schools provide a student centred, comprehensive continuum of support. These systems enable collaborative, targeted and personalised assistance for diverse learners. We also provide children with opportunities to learn about different cultures, people and communities through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures Cross Curriculum Priority and the Australian Curriculum.

What Standard 4 looks like at our school:

1. Promotion of equity, inclusion and respect for diversity

FisherONE actively promotes equity, inclusion and respect for diversity through inclusive school practices, consistent communication expectations, and staff engagement in culturally responsive approaches. These expectations are embedded in school processes to ensure all students are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

2. Provision of adjustments and supports for diverse learners

FisherONE provides documented adjustments and targeted supports for diverse learners through structured learner profiles, differentiated learning strategies, and collaboration with base schools. Supports are implemented to ensure equitable access to curriculum, assessment, and engagement in learning.

3. Embedding of cultural safety and anti-discrimination practices

Cultural safety and anti-discrimination principles are embedded in school operations through staff expectations, communication protocols, and student engagement practices. These processes ensure that all interactions reflect respect for cultural identity and uphold safe, inclusive learning environments.

4. Accessible safeguarding information for students

Safeguarding information is communicated to students in age-appropriate and accessible formats through orientation, learning platforms, and ongoing pastoral communication. Clear pathways are provided for students to seek support and report concerns in a safe and supported manner.

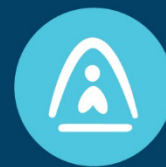
5. Evidence of practice and continuous improvement

Evidence of practice is maintained through learner profiles, adjustment records, pastoral documentation, communication artefacts, and engagement data. These sources are reviewed as part of the Term 2 implementation cycle to identify improvements in inclusion, accessibility, and student support practices.

⁴ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Standard 4 Equity Is Promoted And Diversity Is Respected | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) sch 1 s 2(3) (a) (ii) | Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld) s 11, s 15 (a)

Standard 5: People

People working with children are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice⁵



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 5

BCE supports schools to ensure that everyone working or volunteering with students is suitable, safe and capable of upholding child safety and wellbeing. Our recruitment and screening processes embed safeguarding at every stage, from role design and advertising through to interviews, reference checks, onboarding and performance development. The Employee and Volunteer Screening Procedure includes a role risk matrix, Blue Card screening requirements and clearly defined responsibilities. These help leaders identify potential risks to student safety and wellbeing and respond appropriately. BCE's Human Resource Information System, Ignite, operationalises these procedures and helps employees monitor and maintain their safeguarding screening requirements. Our Procurement Procedure requires all external providers engaging with BCE offices or schools to be child safe and compliant with relevant legislation. The Risk Management Framework guides how we monitor safeguarding practices in schools through established quality control mechanisms. These processes ensure schools can safely engage employees, volunteers and third parties, with appropriate oversight, training and supervision in place before any child related work occurs.

What Standard 5 looks like at our school:

In line with our implementation plan, at the end of Term 4 we will explain:

- How we screen and onboard employees, volunteers and third parties
- How we ensure safe supervision and conduct
- How we apply BCE recruitment and HR procedures for employees and volunteers
- How we track and keep safeguarding screening requirements current
- Evidence of practice and planned improvements

⁵ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Standard 5 Robust Human Resource Management | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) sch 1 s 2(8)(b) | Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld) s 15 (b)

Standard 6: Complaints management

Processes to respond to complaints and concerns are child focused⁶



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 6

BCE fosters a culture where concerns about safety and wellbeing can be raised openly, respectfully and without fear. We support child focused complaint pathways that are accessible to students, families, employees and community members. Our policies and procedures outline reporting requirements, cooperation with authorities, and expectations for timely and safe responses to concerns. From 1 July 2026, BCE will implement Queensland's Reportable Conduct Scheme. This means BCE will report any reportable allegation or conviction, conduct investigations, provide interim and final reports to the Queensland Family and Child Commission, and immediately notify police of any suspected criminal conduct within required timeframes. BCE provides guidance and training to ensure complaints are handled in trauma informed and culturally safe ways, supported by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation Officers and expertise from safeguarding, student protection, legal, wellbeing, school operations and program teams, and employee relations and investigations teams. System wide improvements are strengthening complaint handling processes, creating clearer pathways and embedding safeguarding expertise across the framework. These structures help schools respond to concerns with transparency, sensitivity and procedural fairness.

What Standard 6 looks like at our school:

FisherONE is committed to ensuring that students, families, staff and community members can raise concerns about student safety, wellbeing and learning in a clear, accessible and supportive manner. As an online school, concerns are most commonly raised through direct communication with teachers, the Leader of Wellbeing, Student Protection Contacts, members of the College Leadership Team, or in partnership with a student's base school. Students and families are encouraged to seek support and raise concerns through email, phone, online meetings, wellbeing conversations and live lesson interactions. All concerns are responded to in a child-focused manner, with the safety, wellbeing and best interests of the student remaining the paramount consideration.

FisherONE follows Brisbane Catholic Education Student Protection, Complaints Management and Employee Misconduct procedures to ensure concerns and complaints are appropriately documented, managed, escalated and resolved. Staff complete mandatory annual Student Protection training and are supported to respond to concerns in a timely, consistent and trauma-informed manner. Student Protection Contacts are available to support students, families and staff, and concerns may be managed in collaboration with base schools, Brisbane Catholic Education specialist staff and external agencies where required. FisherONE also implements the Queensland Reportable Conduct Scheme through Brisbane Catholic Education safeguarding and employee misconduct processes.

Evidence of practice includes annual mandatory Student Protection training for all staff, designated Student Protection Contacts, established reporting and escalation processes, regular review of safeguarding concerns through Staff Safety and Wellbeing Meetings and weekly College Leadership Team meetings, and ongoing collaboration with students' base schools to support student wellbeing and safety. Planned improvements include strengthening information-sharing processes with base schools regarding student wellbeing and safeguarding matters and continuing to refine safeguarding practices specific to online learning environments.

⁶ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Standard 6 Effective Complaints Management | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) sch 1 s 2 (4) (b) | Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld) s7 | Child Safe Organisations Act (Qld) Chapter 3

Standard 7: Knowledge and skills

Staff and volunteers of the entity are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and awareness to keep children safe through ongoing education and training⁷



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 7

BCE builds a confident, capable and culturally aware workforce committed to children's safety and wellbeing. Our Mandatory Safeguarding Training Framework sets clear onboarding and refresher requirements for all employees. Every year, BCE employees complete online student protection training covering indicators of child harm, grooming behaviours, how to respond to disclosures and mandatory reporting requirements. School staff also participate in additional face to face training each term on topics related to student safety and wellbeing. Staff who serve as Student Protection Contacts (SPCs) receive advanced training in managing disclosures and supporting colleagues to keep students safe. Volunteers and third party providers complete mandatory safeguarding onboarding before commencing any child related work, along with annual refreshers recorded in school registers in line with the Volunteer Policy and Procedure and Third Party Safeguarding Guidelines. BCE has developed a Cultural Learning Plan and Cultural Capability Framework to strengthen cultural competency and responsiveness, promote cultural safety and BCE's Ngutana-Lui Centre provides curriculum-aligned cultural learning for students and staff. All employee training is tracked through BCE's Learning Management System (iLearn), which issues automated reminders and provides compliance reports to managers.

What Standard 7 looks like at our school:

In line with our implementation plan, at the end of Term 4 we will explain:

- How employees, volunteers and third parties complete required safeguarding training
- How the school reinforces safeguarding practice throughout the year
- How cultural capability is embedded in training
- How the school monitors and supports employees and volunteers to undertake mandatory training
- Evidence of practice and planned improvements

⁷ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Standard 7 Ongoing Education and Training | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) sch 1 s 2(8)(b) | Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld) s16, 4 (c)

Standard 8: Physical and online environments

Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing and minimise the opportunity for children to be harmed⁸



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 8

BCE is committed to creating healthy, safe and productive physical and online environments that support student wellbeing, prevent harm and safeguard everyone involved in our activities. We take a holistic, strengths-based approach that recognises all dimensions of a child's wellbeing – physical, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural. Building plans are reviewed with a focus on environmental risks that may affect children's safety. The BCE Health, Safety and Wellbeing (HSW) Policy and BCE Safeguarding Guidelines for School Design provide practical guidance to build safe, inclusive spaces with strong visibility, supervision and access control. To support online safety, BCE aligns with the eSafety Commissioner's Best Practice Framework and delivers the Australian Curriculum for Online Safety (P-10). The Acceptable Use of Devices and Digital Resources agreement promotes safe digital behaviour and is supported by content filters and monitoring tools. Policies such as the Employee Code of Conduct, IT Acceptable Use Policy and Privacy Policy outline expectations for safe online behaviour. BCE provides guidance to help schools maintain safe digital environments, and student safety considerations are embedded in risk assessments, school risk registers and organisation wide risk management processes.

What Standard 8 looks like at our school:

FisherONE is committed to providing safe online learning environments that support the wellbeing, participation and protection of all students. As an online school, student safety is promoted through the use of approved Brisbane Catholic Education digital platforms, clear expectations for online engagement, student wellbeing monitoring processes, and ongoing collaboration with families and base schools. Students are supported to develop safe and responsible online behaviours through orientation processes, the Student Handbook, Acceptable Use expectations and regular communication from teachers and leaders. Staff model safe digital behaviours through compliance with the Brisbane Catholic Education Code of Conduct, Student Protection requirements, privacy obligations and professional standards governing online communication, digital technologies and the management of student information.

FisherONE recognises that students may access learning from a range of physical locations, including their base school, home or other approved environments. While FisherONE does not directly supervise many of the physical spaces from which students learn, risk management is supported through collaboration with base schools and families, ongoing monitoring of student engagement and wellbeing, established reporting pathways, and regular review of safeguarding concerns and emerging risks. Online and environmental risks are identified and reviewed through Staff Safety and Wellbeing Meetings, weekly College Leadership Team meetings, student protection processes, incident reviews and consultation with students, families and partner schools.

Evidence of practice includes approved digital learning platforms, annual mandatory Student Protection and privacy training for staff, documented online learning expectations, established reporting and escalation processes, regular safeguarding reviews, and ongoing collaboration with base schools to support student safety and wellbeing. Planned improvements include strengthening communication processes regarding student learning locations and wellbeing information, reviewing guidance for staff relating to online supervision practices including breakout rooms and one-to-one support sessions, strengthening documentation of risk assessments and support plans for students with identified vulnerabilities, and continuing to refine safeguarding practices specific to online learning environments.

⁸ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Standard 8 Safe Physical And Online Environments | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) | Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld) s 18 (1) s19

Standard 9: Continuous improvement

Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved⁹



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 9

BCE is committed to continual review, learning and strengthening of safeguarding practice across both system and school levels. Ongoing improvement ensures our policies, frameworks and practices evolve in response to emerging issues, data and feedback, and remain effective in preventing harm and promoting wellbeing. System wide reviews are carried out by the Assurance Team, Risk and Compliance Team and through school accreditation processes. These reviews assess the effectiveness of safeguarding measures and identify opportunities to strengthen practice. Critical incidents also trigger structured post incident reviews to identify risks, evaluate responses and enhance wellbeing supports for students and employees. Governance committees, including Safeguarding, Risk and Assurance, and People and Safety, monitor trends and support system wide improvements. Schools are supported to monitor their own safeguarding indicators, such as Blue Card compliance, attendance, bullying and wellbeing data, enabling a local cycle of review, reflection and continuous improvement.

What Standard 9 looks like at our school:

At FisherONE, continuous improvement in safeguarding is developing through emerging systems, reflective practice and a growing focus on data-informed decision making. Staff demonstrate a clear understanding of their role in promoting student safety and wellbeing by consistently following established workflows, including the use of Engage to report concerns. Leadership, particularly the Middle Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement, actively monitors student data and coordinates responses in partnership with base schools to ensure timely and appropriate support. Weekly student support meetings provide a structured forum to identify trends, share insights and implement targeted interventions, strengthening early identification and response processes.

While these practices provide a strong foundation, there is a recognised need to strengthen consistency and depth in evaluation processes. Current reflections highlight an opportunity to more systematically analyse wellbeing, engagement, attendance and behaviour data to identify patterns and inform proactive strategies. Greater emphasis is also needed on reviewing incidents and feedback to identify underlying causes and embed sustainable improvements. Moving forward, FisherONE is committed to strengthening reporting processes, enhancing staff visibility of review findings, and embedding clearer mechanisms for measuring impact, including culturally responsive indicators. This next phase of work will support a more cohesive and accountable approach to safeguarding, ensuring continuous improvement is embedded across all levels of the organisation.

⁹ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Standard 9 Continuous Improvement | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) sch 1 s 2(6)(a) | Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld) s20

Standard 10: Policy and procedures

Policies and procedures document how the entity is safe for children¹⁰



Brisbane Catholic Education's commitment to Standard 10

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Framework guides safeguarding practice across all Catholic entities, including BCE. The BCE Safeguarding Policy sits within this framework and is supported by a range of policies, procedures and guidelines designed to protect student safety and wellbeing. Under the BCE Policy Governance Framework, all policies are reviewed at least every three years through consultation, governance checks and formal approval. This ensures they remain current, reflect best practice and continue to support student safety, wellbeing and cultural safety. Consultation ensures policies reflect lived experience and meet the diverse needs of school communities. BCE is also working to make policies easier to understand and use, including creating child friendly resources. Policies and procedures are accessible to students, families, volunteers and third parties through BCE and school websites, and are available internally to employees through Spire. Safeguarding responsibilities are embedded in the BCE Leadership Capability Framework, ensuring leaders consistently communicate, model and apply policy requirements.

What Standard 10 looks like at our school:

At FisherONE, policies and procedures for safeguarding are grounded in Brisbane Catholic Education frameworks, ensuring strong alignment with the Child Safe Standards and the Universal Principle. These policies are clearly documented, regularly reviewed and designed to provide accessible, practical guidance for staff, students and families. Safeguarding expectations are communicated consistently through newsletters, parent information evenings and shared presentations, supporting families to understand both the responsibilities of the school and their role in maintaining safe, respectful learning environments. This ongoing communication ensures that safeguarding is visible, understood and embedded across the community.

Staff capability and consistency are strengthened through structured induction and ongoing professional learning. At the beginning of each year, staff are supported to understand their student protection responsibilities, including mandatory reporting obligations, codes of conduct and BCE reporting pathways. Clear procedures outline "what to do if" scenarios, ensuring staff know how to identify, record and escalate concerns, and who to contact, including Student Protection Contacts. These expectations are reinforced through regular training throughout the year, building confidence and consistency in practice. While strong systems are in place, there is an opportunity to further strengthen consistent implementation across all staff. Moving forward, a continued focus on clarity, reinforcement and accountability will ensure policies and procedures are not only understood, but enacted with confidence and consistency in all contexts.

¹⁰ Alignment with National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS): Standard 10 Policies And Procedures Support The Safety Of Children And Adults | Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2020 (Qld) s 2 (3-6) | Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (Qld)

