Daylesford Secondary College N° 7115

Student Empowerment and Participation Policy

(2016)

Daylesford Secondary College considers the safety of children as being of paramount importance. DSC has a zero tolerance of child abuse.

BASIC BELIEFS

Daylesford Secondary College will provide opportunities for students to learn about child safety, to become resilient and to be aware of child abuse and prevention. Ministerial Order 870 requires schools to promote the Child Safe Standards in ways that are readily accessible, easy to understand, and user-friendly to children.

IMPLEMENTATION

DSC has clear policies and guidelines on Child Safe Standards which provide in-depth information and actions on promoting the Standards and ensuring the safety of our students.

In most instances, the Child Safe Standards are embedded in our curriculum and programs which operate across the College.

The College draws on the resources available through the Department of Education and Training as well as school-developed programs.

The following school policies and programs provide the necessary support for students to become empowered, resilient and knowledgeable in child safety matters.

- Student Engagement Policy - this applies to all students across the College.
- School-Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPB)
- Mentor Program Years 7-12.
- Getting Dirty
- Hands on Learning program (2017)
- Health education policies and programs.
- Sexuality education
- Mental health promotion
• Resilience; *Building Resilience: A Model to Support Children and Young people.*
  [www.education.vic.edu/about/department/Pages/resilienceframework.aspx](http://www.education.vic.edu/about/department/Pages/resilienceframework.aspx)
• Drumbeat (2017)
• Girls’ Wellbeing Program
• Smart ASSK (Year 9)
• Services provided through Hepburn Health such as the provision of a doctor and youth worker for the school’s Youth Wellness centre.

**EVALUATION**
This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

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