

CHILD AND YOUTH RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019



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Introduction

Safe service environments don't just happen: they require ongoing planning, commitment and maintenance. The Blue Card System aims to create safe and supportive environments where children and young people can receive services and participate in activities essential to their development and wellbeing. The Blue Card system has 3 key components:

- Risk management strategies
- Blue Card screening
- Compliance and ongoing monitoring

The *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (the Act)* and the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2011* requires organisations regulated by the blue card system to develop, implement and review annually a Child and Youth Risk Management strategy.

Purpose

The purpose of a Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy is to help to identify potential risks of harm to children and young people and to implement strategies to minimise these risks.

A well-developed strategy will help St John's Anglican College achieve its objectives by providing a clear and consistent framework to guide and support children and young people, parents, employees, volunteers and visitors to their school.

In order to comply with the legislative framework, a Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy must address eight (8) minimum requirements. These requirements:

- address an organisation's **commitment** to creating a safe and supportive service environment
 - strengthen an organisation's **capability** to provide such an environment
 - assist an organisation to manage any particular **concerns** with respect to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people who are involved with the organisation, and
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- promote the **consistency** of an organisation's approach to risk management, both within the organisation and with respect to compliance with the requirements under the Act.

These eight requirements are:

COMMITMENT

1. A statement of commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and the protection of children from harm; and
2. A code of conduct for interacting with children.

CAPABILITY

3. Written procedures for recruiting, selecting, training and managing staff and volunteers.

CONCERNS

4. Policies and procedures for handling disclosures or suspicions of harm, including reporting guidelines.
5. A plan for managing breaches or your risk management strategy, and
6. Risk management plans for high risk activities and special events.

CONSISTENCY

7. Policies and procedures for managing compliance with the Blue Card system, and
8. Strategies for communication and support.

Instructions

The Principal is accountable for ensuring that the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy is developed, implemented and reviewed annually.

The strategy is to be reviewed at the completion of each school year with the results to inform the development of the new strategy document. The new strategy is to be approved in accordance with St John's Anglican College governance requirements for implementation at the beginning of the subsequent school year. The review process must be documented, which together with the strategy document will be archived for future reference.

Notwithstanding the scheduled review, should circumstances change significantly before the 12-month review period, the strategy will be immediately reviewed in order to maintain appropriate accuracy, relevance and authority.

Scope

This strategy applies to all students, parents, employees, volunteers and visitors of St John's Anglican College including students enrolled in the St John's International College.



Structure

The following describes how the strategy document is to be developed.

Column A

Requirement: This sets out the 4 Key Areas and 8 Mandatory Requirements as set out in the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 and the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2011.

Column B

Action/s: Intentional actions, programs and processes that have been developed and will be implemented. The Action/s must be specific and expressed in terms that can be assessed and evaluated as to their effectiveness.

Column C

Reference: Describes the policy, procedures, protocols and other guidelines which form the authority for the particular Action/s.

Column D

Responsible Officer: This identifies the particular staff member who has responsibility for the development and/or implementation of a particular Action/s.

Column E

Evidence: This identifies those things which can be objectively examined and will demonstrate that the Action is in place and is being applied correctly.

Abbreviations

ACSQ	Anglican Church Southern Queensland
APC	Alpine Place Campus (Primary)
CAC	College Avenue Campus (Secondary)
FSAC Ltd	FSAC Limited
QCT	Queensland College of Teachers
SJAC	St John's Anglican College
SJIC	St John's International College

1. COMMITMENT - Mandatory Requirement

St Johns Anglican College supports the rights of children and young people and are committed to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of students. St John's Anglican College is therefore committed to responding to allegations of student harm or potential harm resulting from the conduct or actions of any person, including that of employees.

Statement of Commitment

This commitment includes the provision of a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and requires all employees, volunteers and visitors to model and encourage behaviour that upholds the dignity and protection of students from harm.

In support of this commitment, St Johns Anglican College is dedicated to our Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy which includes having relevant policies, procedures and training in place to effectively address the safety and wellbeing of children in their care.

1. Statement of Commitment				
Requirement	Action	Reference	Responsible Officer	Evidence
Statement of Commitment	A statement of commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children and the protection of children from harm.	St John's Anglican College Statement of Commitment as developed by ACSQ. Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure.	Anglican Church Southern Queensland Director of Professional Standards ACSQ Principal Manager Human Resources and Compliance (facilitation through compliance framework) Human Resources and Compliance Officer	St John's Statement of Commitment is viewable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each Campus Reception - Each Resource Centre - St John's International College - Staff Portal - Parent Portal - College Website Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures are available at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each Campus Reception - Each Resource Centre - St John's International College - Staff Portal - Parent Portal - College Website

				Student protection posters are displayed in public areas around the College.
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Code of Conduct

The code of conduct outlines expected standards of behaviour for all stakeholders interacting with children and young people within the College. A strong code of conduct provides clear guidelines for everyone involved in the College about what is expected of them and the consequences if they fail to meet the expectations.

2. Code of Conduct				
Requirement	Action/s	Reference Documents	Responsible Officer/s	Evidence
Code of Conduct for interacting with Children	<p>A code of conduct outlining expected standards of behaviour for all stakeholders interacting with children and young people within the College.</p> <p>Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employees - Volunteers - Children and young people - Parents - Consultants and Contractors - Council and Committee Members - Students on placement - People undertaking work experience - Visitors - Spectators 	<p>FSAC Ltd Directors and Councillors Code of Conduct</p> <p>St John's Anglican College Teachers Code of Conduct</p> <p>St John's Anglican College Employee Code of Conduct</p> <p>St John's Anglican College Volunteers and Visitors Code of Conduct</p> <p>St John's Anglican College Contractors Code of Conduct</p> <p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure.</p>	<p>Anglican Church Southern Queensland</p> <p>Council Members</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Senior Leadership Team</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>FSAC Ltd Governance Manual 2017</p> <p>Staff Management Policy and Procedures</p> <p>SJAC Employee Orientation / Induction Manual 2018</p> <p>SJAC Visitors and Volunteers Induction Manual 2018</p> <p>SJAC Coaches Induction Manual 2018</p> <p>SJIC Orientation Handbook 2018</p> <p>Code of Conduct and Policy and Procedures are viewable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff Portal - College Website <p>A Guideline for Queensland Teachers – Professional Boundaries</p>

2. CAPABILITY - Mandatory Requirement

St Johns Anglican College is committed to recruiting, selecting, training and managing staff in a way that enhances the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

While the blue card screening process is an assessment of a person's eligibility to work with children and young people, the recruitment and selection of employees is the College's first opportunity to ascertain a person's suitability to work with children and young people. The College places a strong emphasis on working closely and collaboratively within a team environment. Employees are provided with development opportunities and supported professionally in adapting to change and developing new approaches in their areas of expertise.

St John's Anglican College acknowledges that employees provide a positive contribution to the College.

3. Recruitment, Selection, Training and Management				
Requirement	Action/s	Reference	Responsible Officer	Evidence
Effective child-focused policies and procedures for recruitment, selection, training and managing paid employees and volunteers.	Effective recruitment, selection, training and management strategies that will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deter and identify applicants that are not suitable for the College - Assist the College to find the people that are qualified and who will contribute to facilitating a safe and supportive environment for children - Ensure that staff receive adequate and appropriate training to deliver child-related services in a safe and productive way, and - Ensure that any issues with staff performance or conduct are identified early and actioned appropriately. 	Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy Blue Card Services St John's Anglican College Policy and Procedure Framework Human Resources and Compliance Department	Anglican Church Southern Queensland Principal Manager Human Resources and Compliance Human Resources and Compliance Officer	Staff Management Policy and Procedures Risk Management Policy and Procedures Educational Management Policy and Procedures Accreditation Policy and Procedures Compliance Management Policy and Procedures Volunteer Management Policy and Procedures Homestay Management Policy and Procedures Policy and Procedures are viewable on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff Portal - College Website

<p><u>Pre-Employment</u></p>	<p>Identify and recruit a person who has the skills and attributes to fulfil the role.</p>	<p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure</p> <p>Staff Management Policy and Procedures</p> <p>SJAC Position Descriptions</p> <p>SJAC Reference Check Questionnaire</p>	<p>Anglican Church Southern Queensland</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Staff Selection and Recruitment Procedure</p> <p>Probationary Appointments and Review Procedure</p> <p>Equal Employment Opportunities Procedure</p> <p>Position Evaluation and Classification Procedure</p> <p>St John's Anglican College recruitment documents contain the following clauses:</p> <p>"A Safe Ministry Check will be conducted on recommended candidates in relation to any circumstances which exist that may conflict with the candidate's employment at St John's Anglican College".</p> <p>Teaching Staff: "People appointed to teaching positions must have current registration with the Queensland College of Teachers and the ability to maintain their registration in accordance with the <i>Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005</i>".</p> <p>Non-Teaching Staff: "People appointed to administration or support positions must have the ability to successfully obtain and maintain a Working with Children Blue Card in accordance with the <i>Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000</i>."</p>
	<p>Safe Ministry Check Screening The Anglican National Register must be checked via the Director of Professional Standards.</p>	<p>Anglican Church Safe Ministry Check</p> <p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures</p>	<p>Anglican Church Southern Queensland</p>	<p>Safe Ministry Check Procedure</p> <p>Anglican Church SQ Safe Ministry Check Request</p> <p>St John's Anglican College completes Safe Ministry Check Screening prior to appointment and records the date on the Employment Authority approved by the Principal.</p>

	<p>Positive Notice Blue Card The blue card system is contributing to the creation of safe and supportive environments for children and young people when receiving services and participating in activities which are essential to their development and wellbeing, such as child care, education, sport, and cultural activities.</p>	<p>Blue Card Services Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures</p>	<p>Department of Justice and Attorney-General - Blue Card Services</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>SJAC Working with Children Procedure</p> <p>Coaches Checklist</p> <p>SJAC Blue Card Register The College maintains a Blue Card register of all Directors, Councillors, Employees, Coaches, Tutors, Volunteers and College community members working with students to contribute to the creation of a safe and supportive environment for students of the College.</p> <p>All employment contracts for non-teaching staff contain the following clause in the specific terms and conditions of employment: <i>"Please note that a basic condition of employment with St John's Anglican College requires that you have or are prepared to obtain a "Working with Children Suitability Card". This is a fundamental condition of employment with the College as required by the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000. Therefore, should you be declined a "Working with Children Suitability Card" by the Blue Card Services of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's Office, your employment will be terminated immediately, with payment in lieu of the required period of notice."</i></p> <p>The College conducts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial Blue Card screening; and - Ongoing monitoring
	<p>Queensland Teacher Registration Queensland College of Teachers ensure education in Queensland schools is provided by teachers who meet Australian professional standards and meet standards of</p>	<p>Queensland College of Teachers Standards and Conduct</p>	<p>Queensland College of Teachers</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p>	<p>The College conducts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Initial Queensland Teachers Registration screening; and -Ongoing monitoring

	ethical conduct, especially in their dealings with children.		Human Resources and Compliance Officer	<p>All employment contracts for teaching staff contain the following clause in the specific terms and conditions of employment:</p> <p><i>"Please note that a condition of employment as a Teacher with St John's Anglican College requires that you maintain current teacher registration with the Queensland College of Teachers. Should your Teacher Registration be cancelled during your period of employment, your employment will be terminated immediately, with payment in lieu of the required period of notice".</i></p> <p>A copy of formal teaching qualifications and teacher registration must be provided at or before the date of commencement.</p> <p>St John's conducts annual Teacher Registration checks.</p> <p>St John's maintains registration details in the Human Resources Information System that notifies the College and the teacher when registration is due to expire.</p>
<u>Post-Employment</u>	<p>Training and ongoing Professional Development</p> <p>An effective organisation requires that staff receive ongoing training. New staff need support and information when they begin their new role, and existing staff might need to develop new skills and knowledge to meet the requirements of their positions and expand their career options.</p> <p>Training should enhance the skills and knowledge of employees and volunteers, and reduce exposure to risks.</p>	<p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures</p> <p>Staff Management Policy and Procedures</p>	<p>Anglican Church Southern Queensland</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Student Protection Officers</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Employee Training Procedure</p> <p>Employee Induction Procedure</p> <p>College employees, volunteers and coaches complete an induction programme covering (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College Policies and Procedures - Duty of Care Policy - Duty of Care Statement - Code of Conduct <p>College employees are provided with the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff Handbook - Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures <p>Employees are provided with training and information sessions relating to Student Protection Policies and</p>



				<p>Procedures on a regular basis through Staff Professional Development sessions and regular staff meetings.</p> <p>A Training Register is maintained by the College to ensure that all staff complete mandatory training.</p> <p>Student Protection Officers are provided with additional training which is recorded in the Training Register.</p> <p>The College Libraries have a child protection reference section for students and staff to borrow resources to support knowledge and awareness of student protection.</p> <p>Further resources for staff can be found in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff Portal - College Website - College Reception <p>Volunteers and Coaches and College Community Members working with students are provided with the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer and Visitors - Safeguarding our Students Guide - Induction / Orientation Handbook <p>Blue Card training is provided for the person responsible for maintaining and managing the Blue Card Register.</p>
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<p><u>Management</u></p>	<p>To assist your organisation to provide the highest quality of care to children and young people, it is important to continually promote and demonstrate respect for the rights and expectations of children and young people, parents and carers.</p> <p>Parents and Carers should be able to access all of the organisation's policies and procedures, and also ensure that the organisation is living up to the expectations within the policies and procedures, and that they are reflected in the daily operations within the College.</p> <p>The organisation should have well developed policies and procedures in place relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional development - Performance appraisals - Performance management - Complaints management - Disciplinary procedures 	<p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures</p> <p>Staff Management Policy and Procedures</p>	<p>Principal</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Information regarding St John's Anglican College Policies and Procedures is available to employees through the Staff Portal.</p> <p>Information regarding St John's Anglican College Policies and Procedures are available to parents and carers through the College Website</p> <p>Information regarding St John's Anglican College commitment to Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures is available to parents and carers through the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College Website - Parent Portal - Information at Reception - Information in the Resource Centre - Information in the International College <p>Information available to parents and carers regarding the daily operations of the College are available through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College Website - College Newsletters - College Handbooks - Annual Reports - Facebook Page - Twitter - College App <p>Probationary Appointment and Review Procedure</p> <p>Staff Professional Review and Learning Programs Guidelines.</p> <p>College Staff are provided with development opportunities and supported professionally in adapting to change and developing new approaches in their areas of expertise.</p>
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3. CONCERNS - Mandatory Requirement

St John's Anglican College employees are bound by a number of obligations including those prescribed by legislation and policy but also by Christian obligations as all Employees must respect the Gospel values and ethos of the Anglican Church.

Students and parents who have concerns or information relating to the safety of a student are encouraged to report the information to a Student Protection Officer.

4. Handling disclosures or suspicions of harm, including reporting guidelines.				
Requirement	Action	Reference	Responsible Officer	Evidence
Policies and Procedures	<p>Children and young people can only be protected from harm if it is reported and dealt with quickly and effectively.</p> <p>Therefore, the College must have policies and procedures in place to ensure staff and volunteers respond as quickly as possible to a disclosure or suspicion of harm. A lack of formal policies and procedures can impede the reporting of such matters.</p>	<p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure</p> <p>Complaints Management in Anglican Schools</p> <p>Protocol for dealing with complaints of sexual harassment, Sexual assault or sexually inappropriate behaviour.</p>	<p>Chairman of the Council</p> <p>Anglican Church Southern Queensland</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Student Protection Officers</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>All employees, volunteers and visitors will respond as outlined in the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures - Complaints Management in Anglican Schools - Protocol for dealing with complaints of sexual harassment, Sexual assault or sexually inappropriate behaviour <p>Each document above is available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each Campus Reception - Each Resource Centre - St John's International College - Staff Portal - Parent Portal - College Website <p>Where there is any doubt about an allegation, suspicion or report of harm of a student by any person the decision must be in favour of reporting the allegation.</p> <p>The Student Protection Officers Notice is displayed throughout the Colleges, Staff Portal and College Website.</p>

				<p>Student Protection Posters with SPO details are displayed around the College campus and in classrooms.</p> <p>Employees and volunteers are encouraged to speak with a Student Protection Officer about any concerns.</p> <p>Other documents available to all employees, volunteers and visitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protocol for Dealing with Complaints - Protocol for Dealing with Complaints Summary - Grievance Management Procedure - Safeguarding Our Students, Student Protection Policy and Procedures Guide for Volunteers and Visitors to Anglican Schools - Student Protection Reporting Forms - Student Protection Resource Sheets - Student Protection information for parents <p>Parents and carers can access resources relating to Student Protection on the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College Website - Parent Lounge - Reception or - Student Protection Officers <p>Students can access information and resources relating to Student Protection through the Student Portal, by speaking to staff and Student Protection Officers.</p> <p>Coaches, Tutors, Volunteers and College Community members, working with students, can access student protection information from the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College Website - Induction / Orientation Handbooks <p>College Council members can access student protection information through Dropbox.</p>
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				College Council members can access Policies and Procedures on the Staff Portal.
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5. A plan for managing breaches of the risk management strategy.				
Requirement	Action	Reference	Responsible Officer	Evidence
Managing Breaches of Risk Management Strategy	<p>A plan for managing any action or inaction by a person in the organisation that fails to comply with any of the policies and procedures which make up the Risk Management Strategy.</p> <p>A plan allows the organisation to manage potential breaches in a fair and supportive manner.</p>	<p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures</p> <p>Queensland College of Teachers Standards and Conduct</p> <p>Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005</p> <p>Child Protection Act 1999</p>	<p>Chairman of the Council</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Student Protection Officers</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p> <p>Anglican Church Southern Queensland</p>	<p>Breaches are managed in accordance with relevant policies and procedures as appropriate with the circumstances, such as (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures - Complaints Management in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure - Protocol for dealing with Complaints - SJAC Duty of Care Policy and Procedures - Compliance Management Policy and Procedures - Staff Management Policy and Procedures - Child and Youth Risk Management Procedure - Statement of Commitment - All Codes of Conduct - All Employee, Volunteer, Visitors and Coaches Induction Handbooks <p>The full complement of policies and procedures are available on the staff portal.</p> <p>Breaches for Teaching Staff are also managed in accordance with the Qld College of Teachers – Standards and Conduct and the Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act which require teachers not only be registered to teach and meet professional teaching standards but also to meet standards of ethical conduct, especially in dealings with children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Queensland College of Teachers Standards and Conduct - Education (Queensland College of Teachers)

				Act 2005
6. Risk Management Plans for high risk activities and special events				
Requirement	Action	Reference	Responsible Officer	Evidence
Risk Management Plans for high risk activities and special events.	<p>Forward planning to identify risks and implement strategies can assist to reduce the possibility of children being harmed.</p> <p>It is important to recognise that in order for a child to suffer harm, there must be an opportunity for harm to arise. These opportunities can be reduced by developing specific policies and procedures to manage high risk activities and special events.</p>	<p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure</p> <p>Blue Card Services</p> <p>St John's Anglican College Policy and Procedure Framework</p> <p>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</p>	<p>Chairman of the College Council</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>All Employees</p> <p>Workplace Health and Safety Officer</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Events / Activities</p> <p>A risk assessment is completed for Events / Activities held on campus or off Campus.</p> <p>Appropriate risk management reduces the risk level of activities and the inherent risk levels are:</p> <p>Low: Little chance of incident or injury</p> <p>Medium: Some chance of an accident and injury requiring first aid</p> <p>High: Likely chance of a serious injury requiring medical treatment; and</p> <p>Extreme: High chance of a serious injury resulting in highly debilitating injury.</p> <p>Complete Risk Assessments are submitted to the Workplace Health and Safety Officer for endorsement and then to the Principal or Head of Primary – Deputy Principal for final approval.</p> <p>Event/Activity Risk Assessment Template</p> <p>All Risk Assessments are completed in line with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SJAC Risk Management Policy and Procedures - SJAC Workplace Health and Safety Management Policy and Procedures -

4. CONSISTENCY – Mandatory Requirement

It is a requirement of St John's Anglican College for all non-teaching employees, coaches, tutors, volunteers and College Community Members (excluding Exempt persons) working with the College to obtain and maintain a Blue Card to contribute to the creation of safe and supportive environment for children and young people when receiving services and participating in activities which are essential to their development and wellbeing, such as child care, education, sport, and cultural activities.

Teaching staff that are working in Kindergarten or are providing regulated services to children outside their professional duties require an Exemption Blue Card.

7. Policies and Procedures for managing compliance with the Blue Card System

Requirement	Action	Reference	Responsible Officer	Evidence
Policies and Procedures for managing compliance with the Blue Card System	<p>The organisation must outline policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Blue Card System requirements under the Act.</p> <p>By ensuring that the College is complying with the legislative requirements under the blue card system, the College can demonstrate to stakeholders that it is committed to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for children and young people.</p> <p>The College conducts an annual review of the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy.</p>	<p>Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000</p> <p>Blue Card Services</p> <p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedures</p> <p>St John's Anglican College Policy and Procedure Framework</p> <p>ASC Blue Card System – Policy and Procedure</p>	<p>Anglican Church Southern Queensland</p> <p>Chairman of the College Council</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Anglican Schools Commission Blue Card System Policy and Procedure</p> <p>Working with Children Procedure</p> <p>The College conducts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial Blue Card Screening - Online Validation; and - Ongoing Monitoring – Blue Card Register <p>Initial Blue Card Screening Forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue Card Application (Paid/Volunteer/Exemption) - Authority to confirm a valid card/application form - Volunteer to paid transfer form <p>Blue Card Applicants: St John's Anglican College will check two current, original identification documents from the applicant which collectively show the applicant's full name, address, date of birth and signature.</p> <p>St John's Anglican College will warn the applicant that it is an offence for a disqualified person to sign a blue card application.</p> <p>Disqualified person (definition) Disqualified offences (schedule)</p>



				<p>Online Validation The Blue Card online validation service allows you to check whether a person's blue card or exemption card is current. Check if a Blue Card or Exemption Card is valid</p> <p>Ongoing Monitoring Blue Card Register The College maintains a Blue Card register to aid in the ongoing monitoring of all employees, coaches, tutors, volunteers and College community members working with students. The Blue Card Register is maintained by the Blue Card Contact Person.</p> <p>Ongoing Monitoring Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renewal Applications - Advise of a change in details for applicant/card holder - Volunteer to paid transfer form - Advise the cardholder/applicant is no longer with the College <p>SJAC Staff Management Policy and Procedures</p> <p>Non-teaching staff: All employment contracts for non-teaching staff contain the following clause in the specific terms and conditions of employment:</p> <p><i>"Please note that a basic condition of employment with St John's Anglican college requires that you have or are prepared to obtain a "Working with Children Suitability Card". This is a fundamental condition of employment with the College as required by the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000., Therefore, should you be declined a "Working with Children Suitability Card" by the Blue Card Services of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's Office, your employment will be terminated immediately, with payment in lieu of the required period of notice."</i></p>
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				<p>SJAC Volunteer Management Policy and Procedures</p> <p>Volunteers As part of the Volunteers application and selection process all Volunteers must have positive prescribed notices (Blue Cards) issued by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General under the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000, except when an exemption applies under the Act, prior to providing services to the College.</p> <p>Blue Card training is provided for the person responsible for maintaining and managing the Blue Card Register.</p> <p>The Blue Card Register is monitored for <i>soon to expire</i> cards monthly.</p> <p>Blue Cards are noted as <i>soon to expire</i>, 4 months before expiry.</p> <p>The St John's Anglican College Blue Card Register is maintained by the Contact Person. An annual review of the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy is conducted in consultation with stakeholders.</p> <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Protection is an item on the agenda for staff meetings. • Staff are invited to give feedback on the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy and associated policies and procedures at staff meetings and child protection PD sessions. • Feedback provided to the Advisory Committee (SLT) <p>Parents and Carers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family members are invited to give feedback on the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy through P&F meetings, newsletters
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				<p>and parent information sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback provided to the Advisory Committee (SLT) <p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students give feedback through student representative group and discussions. Prayer Spaces activities collect feedback from students about worries and concerns.
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Communication and Support

It is a requirement of St John's Anglican College to communicate the College's Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy to:

- Ensure that all stakeholders are aware of their responsibility and understand what is acceptable behaviour for interacting with children
- Enable people to feel comfortable when addressing issues of concern
- Highlight the importance of the College's commitment to protecting the safety and wellbeing of children at St John's Anglican College; and
- Reduce the likelihood of breaches of the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy.

8. Communication and Support				
Requirement	Action	Reference	Responsible Officer	Evidence
Communication and Support	<p>The College must have strategies for communication of the Risk Management Strategy and support. Strategies for communication and support must include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written information for parents, employees and volunteers that includes details of your organisations risk management strategy or where the strategy can be assessed; and Training materials for employees and volunteers which help identify 	<p>Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000</p> <p>Blue Card Services</p> <p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure</p> <p>St John's Anglican College Policy and Procedure Framework</p>	<p>Chairman of the Council</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Student Protection Officers</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Workplace Health and Safety Committee</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Staff can access resources relating to Student Protection through the Staff Portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Portal Resource Centres <p>Parents and carers can access resources relating to Student Protection through the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Website Parent Lounge Resource Centres <p>Students can access resources relating to Student Protection through the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Portal Resource Centers Student Protection Officers Staff



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risks of harm and how to handle disclosures or suspicions of harm; • and outline your organisations risk management strategy 			<p>Coaches, Tutors, Volunteers and College Community members working with students can access student protection information from the;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College Website - Induction / Orientation Handbooks <p>College Council members can access student protection information through Dropbox.</p> <p>St John's Anglican College reviews the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy annually in line with the Policy and Procedure Review Procedure to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether policies and procedures are being followed - Any incidents relating to children and young people's risk management issues occurred - The actual process used to manage any incidents - The effectiveness of the College's Policies and Procedures in preventing or minimising harm to children and young people; and - The content and frequency of training in relation to the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy <p>The annual review of the Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy will be undertaken by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principal - Head of Primary – Deputy Principal - Manager Human Resources and Compliance - Human Resources and Compliance Officer - The Workplace Health and Safety Committee - Audit and Compliance Committee <p>Regular communication to stakeholders includes:</p> <p>STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email communication - Staff Meetings - Staff Professional Development Sessions - Staff Training Sessions
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<p>Communication and Support continued</p>	<p>Staff may require support to deal with issues such as behaviour management, stress, conflict, bullying, child protection concerns, breaches of the risk management strategy and dealing with disclosures or suspicions of harm.</p>	<p>Student Protection in Anglican Schools Policy and Procedure</p> <p>St John's Anglican College Policy and Procedure Framework</p> <p>Anglican Church Southern Queensland</p> <p>Work Health and Safety Act 2011</p>	<p>Chairman of the College Council</p> <p>Principal</p> <p>Student Protection Officers</p> <p>Manager Human Resources and Compliance</p> <p>Senior Leadership Team</p> <p>College Chaplain</p> <p>Human Resources and Compliance Officer</p>	<p>St John's Anglican College is committed to the wellbeing of staff.</p> <p>SUPPORT OF STAFF MEMBERS</p> <p>Employee Assistance Program</p> <p>St Johns Anglican College recognises that specific external support may be necessary and/or appropriate to assist staff to deal with matters of distress and concern. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is intended to provide staff confidential and objective support.</p> <p>College Chaplain</p> <p>The College Chaplain is responsible for assisting the College in matters relating to the spiritual life of the school. The College Chaplain is available to assist staff, students and parents in areas of personal counselling and guidance.</p>



				<p>Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care They are responsible for the coordination and supervision of the Pastoral Care Program and provide staff and students with the appropriate resources.</p> <p>College Counsellor The College Counsellor provides individualised, professional counselling services to all students and support to their parents. They work as part of the College's Pastoral Care team to support staff and the broader College community by developing the program, identifying students at risk and organising initiatives that enhance the wellbeing of students at the College.</p> <p>Senior Leadership Team Members of the Leadership team are available at all times to meet with or assist students, teachers and parents in all matters relating to the welfare of students, staff and the College community. They are available to advise or make outside agency contact if necessary to ensure the wellbeing of a student is catered for.</p> <p>Student Protection Officers The Student Protection Officers provide support and guidance to staff, students and parents in relation to matters of student protection and safeguarding of students.</p> <p>SUPPORT FOR STUDENT PROTECTION OFFICERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing Training Sessions - Ongoing Pastoral Care Meetings - Employee Assistance Program - College Chaplain - Principal
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Useful Websites

[Blue Card Services](#)

[Child Protection Online Guide](#)

[Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services](#)

[Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services – Reporting Child Abuse](#)

[Family and Child Connect Services](#)

[Queensland Police Service](#)

[Department of Education and Training](#)

[Early Childhood Education and Care](#)

[Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships](#)

[Play by the Rules](#)

Acts, Legislations and Regulations

[Australian Education Act 2013](#)

[Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 \(Qld\)](#)

[Education \(General Provisions\) Regulation 2006 \(Qld\);](#)

[Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 \(Cth\)](#)

[Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2001 \(Cth\)](#)

[Education \(Queensland College of Teachers\) Act 2005](#)

[Education \(Queensland College of Teachers\) Regulation 2005](#)

[Child Care Act 1972 \(Cth\)](#)

[Child Protection Act 1999](#)

[Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Regulation 2011](#)

[Education and other legislation \(Student Protection\) Amendment Bill 2003](#)

[Fair Work Act 2009](#)

[Human Rights Act 2004](#)

[Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#)

[Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011](#)

[Working with Children \(Risk Management and Screening\) Act 2000 \(the Act\)](#)

[Working with Children \(Risk Management and Screening\) Regulation 2011](#)