

# Child Safe Standards Risk Register template

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<b>Child Safe Standard 1 – Aboriginal cultural safety</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Culturally safe environments</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that the school fails to establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and students are respected and valued</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Situational, Organisational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Racism, discrimination and bullying not adequately managed and addressed</li> <li>Ignorance/lack of awareness</li> <li>Curriculum that doesn't include Aboriginal Australians</li> <li>An unwelcoming environment for Aboriginal students</li> <li>Policy development and review is not consultative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aboriginal students are less likely to trust school staff which may result in them being less likely to report abuse by adults or peers, and make them more vulnerable to harm</li> <li>Aboriginal students do not feel welcome, safe, respected or valued for their diverse and unique identities which may result in them being less likely to report abuse by adults or peers and make them more vulnerable to harm</li> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to establish a culturally safe environment and is implemented</li> <li>Other documents that address Aboriginal cultural safety for further reference are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy</li> <li>Bullying Prevention Policy</li> <li>Inclusion and Diversity Policy</li> </ul> </li> <li>Controls to address racism, discrimination and bullying are outlined in the Bullying Prevention Policy and the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.</li> <li>Our Action Plan – Aboriginal Learning, Wellbeing and Safety Policy outlines the actions available for enrolling and maintaining the Indigenous customs of children while attending school.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student enrolls at SEPS, the Principal or nominee is to contact the local Indigenous community for additional information pertaining to the education of Indigenous children.</li> <li>IEP for each student by the classroom teacher</li> <li>KESO – DET contacted by the Principal or nominee <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/koorie-education-coordinator-contact-details#south-eastern-victoria">https://www.vic.gov.au/koorie-education-coordinator-contact-details#south-eastern-victoria</a></li> <li>Koori Literacy and Numeracy program – grant for students not reaching benchmark <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au">www.education.vic.gov.au</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Child Safe Standard 2 – School leadership, governance and culture</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Leadership, governance and culture</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that child safety and wellbeing is not embedded in the school's leadership, governance and culture</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Organisational, Propensity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child safety is not prioritised</li> <li>Decision-making power concentrated in one individual</li> <li>Unclear accountabilities</li> <li>Staff and volunteers are unaware of the school's expectations relating to their conduct and role in supporting child safety and wellbeing</li> <li>Culture of secret keeping</li> <li>Poor management of conflicts of interest</li> <li>Lack of leadership on child safety</li> <li>Poor understanding of the foreseeable risks relating to child abuse</li> <li>Poor understanding of recordkeeping and information management</li> <li>Poor child safety messaging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased risk of child abuse occurring, remaining undetected and not being responded to appropriately because the school does not have a culture of child safety and reporting of child safety incidents or concerns</li> <li>Increased risk of child abuse occurring, remaining undetected and not being responded to appropriately because staff and volunteer roles and responsibilities are not clear</li> <li>Poor practices and understanding of information sharing obligations may result in staff or volunteers not sharing important information to reduce the risk of child abuse or conversely, sharing sensitive information inappropriately contributing to further harm.</li> <li>Poor records and record-keeping practice can contribute to delays or failures to identify and respond to child safety risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure a child safe culture is embedded across the school and is implemented</li> <li>Our Child Safety Code of Conduct is adopted and actively enforced by school leadership. Inconsistent staff, contractor or volunteer conduct is swiftly addressed.</li> <li>Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Code of Conduct are publicly available and promoted in the school community</li> <li>This risk register is reviewed annually and after any significant child safety incident or concern</li> <li>Our Volunteers Policy supports volunteers to understand their obligations on information sharing and recordkeeping</li> <li>PROTECT posters and the Four Critical Actions are displayed around the school</li> <li>Records management obligations are met through adherence to the <a href="#">Records Management - School Records Policy</a> and all staff and relevant volunteers</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at <a href="#">PROTECT Child Safe Standard 2</a> (Principal)</li> </ul>	

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		<p>and incidents and can obstruct survivors seeking information about their time at our school. It can also compromise the school's ability to monitor for systemic issues that required changes to policy, procedure or practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<p>understand their obligations on information sharing and record keeping through induction, training and support from leadership.</p>			
<b>Child Safe Standard 3 – Children are safe, informed and actively participate</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Student empowerment</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that students will not be empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them or be taken seriously</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Vulnerability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students don't know how to make a complaint or raise a concern or don't feel confident that they will be listened to</li> <li>Students don't understand their rights</li> <li>Student input in decision making is not supported or valued</li> <li>Student contributions or concerns are not taken seriously</li> <li>Students are not offered sexual abuse prevention education</li> <li>Students are coerced or silenced by adults at the school</li> <li>Lack of friendship or peer support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abuse is more likely to happen if students do not feel supported to participate in decisions that affect them and do not feel like they will be listened to.</li> <li>Failure to empower students with information about their rights, child safety risks, and sexual abuse prevention will increase the risk of abuse going unidentified and unspoken</li> <li>If students do not feel confident or empowered to raise a concern, they will be unwilling to report abuse</li> <li>Lack of friendship or peer support may increase vulnerability to abuse</li> <li>Lack of friendship or peer support increases the risk that the student will not feel confident to discuss concerns with their peers, making it more likely that abuse will go unidentified and unspoken</li> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to support child and student empowerment and is implemented</li> <li>Complaints Policy details how students can raise complaints and concerns and is promoted widely to parents and students</li> <li>Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure student wellbeing is supported and prioritised</li> <li>Students are provided with age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention programs and relevant related information through <a href="#">Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials</a></li> <li>Students are educated about their rights through: Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) lesson delivery, Play Is The Way (PITW) lesson delivery, RealSchools Restorative measures and practises and Cyber Safety lesson delivery through the CyberSafety Project.</li> <li>Friendship and peer support are promoted through: adopting RealSchools Restorative practises, PITW practises and regular referral to the RRRR program and practises. In addition, there are wellbeing and friendship posters in each learning space as well as how to deal with bullying and antagonistic behaviour from one child to another eg 5 Finger Strategy.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEPS has a <i>Friendship Bench</i> coordinated and organised by the students for the students. This entails students sitting at the bench when they cannot identify another person to play with. Students then approach the bench and ask the student/ s to play with them.</li> <li>Other actions and programs that SEPS implements and teaches in addition to the RRRR program are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PITW Program</li> <li>RealSchools Restorative approach</li> <li>5 Finger Strategy approach which empowers children to deal with unwanted/ annoying behaviour.</li> <li>CyberSafety Project lessons <a href="https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/">https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/</a></li> <li>Involvement in eSmart Alannah &amp; Madeline Foundation <a href="https://www.esmart.org.au/">https://www.esmart.org.au/</a></li> <li>Level 5 Upstanders program</li> <li>Level 5 Students supporting social issues in the yard at recess and lunch</li> <li>Lunch Clubs run by staff</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Child Safe Standard 4 – Family engagement</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Families and community involvement</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that families and communities are not informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Organisational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unwelcoming staff</li> <li>Lack of appreciation of the value of community consultation and engagement</li> <li>The school does not offer information to families and communities or avenues to contribute to policies and decisions relating to child safety and wellbeing</li> <li>Lack of staff training, culture or willingness to engage families and communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child safety and wellbeing practices without input from families may result in practices that do not cover all the diverse needs of students, resulting in a risk that students do not feel safe or able to actively participate in school life (see Child Safe Standard 1 and 3)</li> <li>Families and communities not engaged in child safety at the school are less likely to be able to support the school to reduce risk by keeping an eye out for unsafe behaviours and raising concerns.</li> <li>Families cannot help students identify abuse</li> <li>Families do not support students who want to make a complaint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to engage families and is implemented</li> <li>All child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures are publicly available and promoted in the school community</li> <li>Families and the school community are invited to have a say in the development and review of child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices the school website and newsletter as well as via Compass information and updates.</li> <li>Our Bullying Prevention Policy outlines the strategies that SEPS uses in order to prevent and if necessary, to stop any bullying.</li> </ul>	Yes/No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at <a href="#">PROTECT Child Safe Standard 4</a> (Principal)</li> <li>Parent Information sessions with Susan McLean <a href="https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/">https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/</a></li> <li>CyberSafety Project lessons <a href="https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/">https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/</a></li> <li>Involvement in eSmart Alannah &amp; Madeline Foundation – parent information in Newsletters <a href="https://www.esmart.org.au/">https://www.esmart.org.au/</a></li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If families lack awareness about child safety including risks of child abuse, children may be more vulnerable to being groomed by perpetrators seeking to obtain their trust.</li> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>				
<b>Child Safe Standard 5 – Equity and diverse needs</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Diversity and equity</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that equity is not effectively upheld, and diverse needs are not respected in policy and practice</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Vulnerability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diverse cohorts have not been identified for targeted support (such as students with disability, students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+), students in out of home care, international students and students who are culturally and linguistically diverse)</li> <li>Diverse cohorts not supported adequately</li> <li>Diverse cohorts feel unwelcome</li> <li>Lack of staff training on diversity and supporting and responding to vulnerable students</li> <li>Lack of respectful culture</li> <li>Incidents of discrimination or humiliation are not effectively addressed and managed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diverse cohorts who do not feel safe or who are not adequately supported for their diverse and specific needs are more at risk of abuse and harm and will be less able or willing to report concerns.</li> <li>Experiencing discrimination can increase a child's vulnerability to abuse and harm and can also mean they are less likely to ask for help or speak up if they have a concern</li> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to support equity and diverse needs and is implemented</li> <li>Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy outlines how the school pays particular attention to the needs of students with disability, students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, students who are unable to live at home, international students, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) students</li> <li>Child safety information, support and complaints processes are culturally safe, accessible and easy to understand. SEPS can offer the following additional processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bullying Prevention Policy</li> <li>Inclusion and Diversity Policy</li> <li>Complaints Policy</li> <li>Volunteers Policy</li> <li>Visitors Policy</li> <li>Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy</li> </ul> </li> <li>Implement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships and Building Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials</a></li> <li><a href="#">Respectful Relationships whole school approach</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other actions and programs that SEPS implements and teaches in addition to the RRRR program are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PITW Program</li> <li>RealSchools Restorative approach</li> <li>5 Finger Strategy approach</li> <li>'Friendship Bench' initiative</li> <li>CyberSafety Project lessons <a href="https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/">https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/</a></li> <li>Level 5 UpStanders program</li> <li>Level 5 Students supporting yard duty teachers with social incidents (orange vests)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Child Safe Standard 6 – Suitable staff and volunteers</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Suitable staff (including contractors engaged by the school in child-related work)</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that staff are not suitable to work with children or effectively supported to uphold child safety and wellbeing values in practice</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Organisational, Propensity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor recruitment and pre-employment screening processes</li> <li>Provision of false information during recruitment</li> <li>Poor management of conflicts of interest</li> <li>Insufficient induction on commencement of working at school</li> <li>Inappropriate behaviour by other adults is not called out due to lack of empowerment or awareness of behaviours of concern</li> <li>Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety</li> <li>Lack of child safety culture</li> <li>Insufficient supervision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety during recruitment processes may fail to deter potential predators from seeking employment</li> <li>History and behaviours of concern relating to suitability to work with children are not identified resulting in increased risk of child abuse</li> <li>Conflicts of interests in recruiting staff may increase the risk of other staff not reporting concerns relating to staff conduct, and where concerns are reported or identified, increased risk of them not being responded to in an objective manner with the focus on child safety and wellbeing.</li> <li>Insufficient induction results in the increased risk that staff fail to identify child</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for child safe recruitment and screening practices for staff.</li> <li>to ensure staff are provided with an appropriate induction in the school's child safety policies and practices.</li> <li>to ensure ongoing supervision and management of staff is focused on child safety and wellbeing</li> </ul> </li> <li>All actions and strategies outlined in our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy are implemented in a timely, informative and communicative manner.</li> <li>That all staff are familiar with the Visitors Policy and that and appropriate induction is conducted for all school visitors and volunteers.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All staff are to complete the Mandatory Reporting Training (Online) as required each year in addition to other mandatory training in a timely manner as requested by the Principal and Assistant Principal.</li> <li>All volunteers and visitors to the school will be fully supervised and monitored throughout their time at school.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance management does not focus on or address concerns relating to child safety and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>safety risks and signs of harm and are unable to respond appropriately when they do identify risks of harm or when a complaint or concerns is disclosed to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insufficient supervision and performance management results in increased risk of child abuse and harm to students</li> <li>Staff do not understand their role and responsibilities in promoting and supporting child safety resulting in increased risk of harm</li> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Suitable Volunteers</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that volunteers are not suitable to work with children or effectively supported to uphold child safety and wellbeing values in practice</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Organisational, Propensity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screening processes lack sufficient strength to reveal histories and behaviours of concern</li> <li>Systems, processes, policies and culture do not demonstrate sufficient strength and transparency to deter potential perpetrators from attempting predatory behaviours</li> <li>Conflict of interest</li> <li>Lack of child safety culture</li> <li>Insufficient induction and training</li> <li>Insufficient supervision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety may fail to deter potential predators from volunteering at the school</li> <li>History and behaviours of concern relating to suitability to work with children are not identified resulting in increased risk of child abuse</li> <li>Insufficient induction results in the increased risk that volunteers do not understand their role and responsibilities in promoting and supporting child safety resulting in increased risk of harm.</li> <li>Insufficient supervision results in increased risk of child abuse and harm to students</li> <li>Inadequate steps to address concerning behaviour may result in increased risk of harm (for example removing volunteer from duties or otherwise ensuring the volunteer does not demonstrate further behaviours of concern)</li> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure volunteers are suitable to work with children including screening, induction, and ongoing management and supervision</li> <li>Volunteers engaged to Sandringham East Primary School volunteer activities that require additional screening as determined by the Principal – eg volunteers engaged in regular after school sports training that may have more access to students in an unsupervised space, volunteers who will be escorting students on interstate or overseas trips as part of the excursion staff, volunteers who will be engaging closely with students in a school production where staff supervision may not always be present, volunteers who are not parents/carers of students will be asked to undertake additional screening processes including proof of identity (where this has not already been established), and references addressing suitability for working with children.</li> <li>Volunteers that are working with children or that may have access to students in unsupervised or high-risk settings will always be supervised by a member of school staff</li> <li>Volunteer behaviour that is inconsistent with the school's child safety and wellbeing policies and practices will be addressed by school staff swiftly and with a focus on child safety and wellbeing.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All volunteers including parents, carers, family members and friends are required to have a current Withing With Children Card (WWCC) and have it visible while on school grounds.</li> <li>In addition, all volunteers including parents, carers, family members and friends are required to complete the Parent Helper Training Course every three years at Sandringham East Primary School.</li> <li>All volunteers including parents, carers, family members and friends attending the Parent Helper Training Course must sign and date the SEPS 'Helper and Volunteer Guidelines' form which is a prerequisite for volunteering in the classroom/ learning spaces.</li> <li>All volunteers including parents, carers, family members and friends must sign in at the Compass Kiosk located at the school office when on school grounds in a volunteer capacity.</li> </ul>	
<b>Child Safe Standard 7 – complaints processes</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Complaints processes</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that processes for complaints and concerns are not child focused</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Organisational, Vulnerability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and parents/carers are uncertain about how to raise a complaint or concern because information is not accessible or easily understood</li> <li>Processes do not support students, parents and carers to make complaints or raise concerns</li> <li>Complaints processes or responsible staff do not make</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failure to ensure there is accessible, culturally safe and easily understood information on how to raise a complaint or concern increases the risk of students, parents and carers not reporting behaviours of concern or abuse</li> <li>Students may be unwilling to report behaviours of concern or abuse if they feel they will not be taken seriously or if they do not feel safe to report</li> <li>Failure to have a clear process for responding to complaints and concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complaints Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure students are provided with accessible, culturally safe and easily understood information on raising a complaint or concern</li> <li>Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures outlines the procedures for responding to complaints or concerns relating to child abuse</li> <li>The Complaints Policy and Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures are publicly available on the school website</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All complaints are to be managed within a reasonable timeframe as determined by the Principal and Assistant Principal on a case by case process.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>students feel safe or supported to report</li> <li>• Student input in decision making is not valued</li> <li>• Student, parent and carer concerns/complaints are not taken seriously</li> <li>• Inadequate response to complaints or concerns relating to child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>about child abuse may result in inappropriate or insufficient action being taken resulting in continued or further harm to the child and other children</li> <li>• Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Complaints Policy and Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures are implemented by all relevant staff</li> <li>• Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy sets out all recordkeeping, privacy and information sharing obligations that must be met when responding to complaints and concerns.</li> <li>• All complaints and concerns are managed in accordance with employment law obligations and our school seeks advice from Employee Conduct Branch and Legal Division when dealing with complaints and concerns relating to child abuse by a member/former member of staff or school council employee or contractor</li> </ul>			
<b>Child Safe Standard 8 – Child safety knowledge, skills and awareness</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Knowledge, skills and awareness</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that staff and volunteers are not equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and students safe through ongoing education and training</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Organisational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child safety and wellbeing training not provided to staff and school council annually</li> <li>• Child safety and wellbeing training is not refreshed or updated where policy, practice or law has changed</li> <li>• Volunteers are not required to undertake child safety training that is appropriate to the nature of their role</li> <li>• Training does not cover all necessary topics</li> <li>• Training is poorly facilitated</li> </ul> <p>Also refer to Child Safe Standard 6 risks above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inability to identify child safety risks including inappropriate behaviour and signs of harm resulting in increased risk of failing to protect children from child abuse, and underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant staff and authorities</li> <li>• Insufficient understanding about the school's child safety and wellbeing policies, practices, and obligations results in increased risk that they will not be appropriately implemented by staff and volunteers and an increased risk to students of child abuse occurring and of continuing to occur undetected.</li> <li>• Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure school council and school staff receive appropriate annual guidance and training on child safety and is implemented</li> <li>• Our Volunteers policy provides information on training for volunteers.</li> <li>• Volunteers that are engaged to Sandringham East Primary School volunteer activities that require child safety training as determined by the Principal – eg volunteers engaged in weekly after school sports training that may have more access to students in an unsupervised space, volunteers who will be escorting students on interstate or overseas trips as part of the excursion staff, volunteers who will be engaging closely with students in a school production where staff supervision may not always be present are provided with child safety training that is appropriate to the activity and the volunteer's role.</li> <li>• Staff at Sandringham East Primary School must undertake the annual Mandatory Reporting training as well as be made aware of/ participate in any updated Child Safe Standards as a matter of priority.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>Child Safe Standard 9 – Physical and online environments</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> School physical environment</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk the school's child safety policies, procedures and practices do not adequately address and manage the risk of abuse and harm in the school's physical environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas of child safety risk in the school buildings or grounds are not identified and appropriately supervised or managed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an increased risk of child abuse occurring on school grounds or buildings if policies, procedures and practices fail to identify and manage areas of risk in the school's physical environment</li> <li>• Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yard Duty and Supervision Policy outlines supervision processes and requirements with a focus on child safety</li> <li>• Yard duty staff are trained to actively patrol the school grounds, paying particular attention to secluded areas that have been identified as high risk including Sandringham East Primary School buildings secluded areas such as behind the JLC, behind the 'Their Care' (OSHC) building, amongst the Playscape area, all toilet areas and the market garden and BBQ areas.</li> <li>• Child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices are in place to enable staff and volunteers</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 5 Students supporting students in the yard with social incidents (orange vests)</li> </ul>	

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<b>Risk type:</b> Situational			<p>to identify and mitigate risks in the physical school environment without compromising a child or student's right to privacy, access to information, social connections and learning opportunities, including our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandringham East Primary School is to mitigate any specific risks to children in the school grounds and setting including all buildings. This is to be specifically adhered to in the following instances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ students advised when that the lower oval, Playscape and covered sandpit are out of bounds including the Indigenous Garden as the area cannot be adequately supervised.</li> <li>○ Garden sheds and store cupboards are to be securely locked unless in use, with controlled access with keys by an authorised person/s.</li> <li>○ School grounds and all buildings are well lit for after school activities.</li> <li>○ During class time, students are required to go to the toilet with another student.</li> <li>○ Toilets and changerooms are located in a central area of the school and the entrance and exit has good visibility from other areas of the school.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>Risk Title:</b> Online environment  <b>Description:</b> There is a risk the school's child safety policies, procedures and practices do not adequately address and manage the risk of abuse and harm in the school's online environment  <b>Risk type:</b> Situational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child safety risks in the school's online environment are not identified and appropriately managed.</li> <li>• Students are not provided with education about online risks and appropriate online behaviours.</li> <li>• Online safety measures fail to adapt to emerging technologies and child safety risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an increased risk of child abuse occurring if policies, procedures and practices fail to identify and manage areas of risk in the school's online environment – particularly risks relating to grooming and further risk of abuse if the grooming goes undetected.</li> <li>• Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Learning Policy outlines the controls in place for online conduct and online safety and is implemented</li> <li>• Acceptable Use Agreements are in place and enforced</li> <li>• Child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices are in place to enable staff and volunteers to identify and mitigate risks in the online school environment without compromising a child or student's right to privacy, access to information, social connections and learning opportunities, including our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Staff undertake a privacy impact assessment for apps and other platforms in use by the school which includes the risk of access to children or personal information by people external to the school.</li> <li>• All school laptops and desktops are regularly checked for illegal and uploaded apps and websites by the Sandringham East Primary School computer technician as well as other suitably qualified staff.</li> <li>• All students sign an Acceptable Use Agreement with their parents/ carers at the commencement of each school year. If this is not signed, students will be unable to access personal or school based laptops / desktops / digital technologies onsite.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify other actions your school may take using the guidance available at <a href="#">PROTECT Child Safe Standard 9</a> (Principal)</li> <li>• Parent / student Information sessions with Susan McLean <a href="https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/">https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/</a></li> <li>• CyberSafety Project lessons <a href="https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/">https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/</a></li> <li>• Involvement in eSmart Alannah &amp; Madeline Foundation <a href="https://www.esmart.org.au/">https://www.esmart.org.au/</a></li> <li>• UpStanders Level 5 program</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Off-site school activities and use of third-party providers</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>There is a risk that the school's child safety policies, procedures and practices do not adequately address and manage the risk of abuse at school activities off-site and/or school activities involving third party providers.</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Situational, Organisational, Propensity, Vulnerability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School staff fail to identify and manage risks of child abuse occurring during off-site school activities</li> <li>School staff fail to identify and manage risks of child abuse by third-party providers engaged by the school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is an increased risk of child abuse occurring if policies, procedures and practices fail to identify and manage areas of risk for off-site school activities and school activities that involve third party providers.</li> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All written conversations and threads contained within all BYOD and School devices at Sandringham East Primary School are regularly checked by relevant staff for any inappropriate and unacceptable downloads, conversations and other unacceptable practises.</li> <li>All MS Teams groups are monitored by staff and students are placed on mute during non teaching and learning times.</li> <li>All classes from Foundation to Level 6 are taught about online Cyber Safety.</li> <li>eLearning School Council Sub Committee – review digital technologies policies and programs.</li> <li>Sandringham East Primary School complies with relevant policies with respect to the following activities, including policy relating to child safety and wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excursions</li> <li>NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools</li> <li>Work Experience</li> <li>Procurement</li> <li>Structured Workplace Learning</li> <li>School Community Work</li> </ul> </li> <li>For off-site school activities and school activities engaging a third-party provider, we identify and assess the risks of child abuse that are specific to that activity and ensure appropriate controls are in place. This includes activities such as third party providers such as football clinics on or off-site, excursion off site, etc.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All excursions must adhere to the staff/ student ratio stated by the Department of Education Victoria. In addition, all parent/ care helpers are to be visibly wearing their WWC as well as having attended the Parent/ carer Training session conducted by SEPS.</li> <li>All incursions are to be fully supervised by teachers and where possible, all third party providers are to have a current WWC and the relevant organisation be accredited to provide education to children.</li> <li>Social Media Policy – parents are not permitted to take photos of students during excursions. They are not permitted to post photos to any social media platform.</li> </ul>	
<b>Child Safe Standard 10 – Review of child safety practices</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Review and improvement</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that the implementation of the Child Safe Standards is not regularly reviewed and improved</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Organisational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failure to regularly review child safety policies, procedures and practices (every 2 years) or following any significant child safety incident</li> <li>Failure to use analysis of complaints, concerns and safety incidents to inform possible improvements to child safety policies, procedures and practices</li> <li>Failure to inform families and communities of the outcome of reviews of child safety policies, procedures and practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child safety policy, procedures and practices may become out of date with any new laws or guidance on good practice, compromising the school's ability to protect students from child abuse and to respond appropriately to complaints and concerns.</li> <li>Child safety policy, procedures and practices may no longer meet the needs of the local school community compromising the school's ability to protect students from child abuse and to respond appropriately to complaints and concerns.</li> <li>Child safety policy, procedures and practices are not improved as a result of analysis of past complaints, concerns and safety incidents, reducing the school's ability to protect students from child abuse and to respond appropriately to complaints and concerns.</li> </ul>	<p>Sandringham East Primary School ensures child safety policies, procedures and practices are regularly reviewed and improved, for example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A register of the school's policies relating to the child safe standards, including approvers and review cycles is used to support staff to maintain and update our policies</li> <li>A working group (led by the child safety champion) is established to review child safety policies and procedures. This is part of the Policy Committee at SEPS.</li> <li>We determine the causes of child safety incidents and monitor for repeat issues or systemic failures, updating any child safety policy, procedure or practice where gaps or improvements are identified</li> <li>We have a log of complaints and concerns to allow us to monitor areas for improvement in our child safety policies, procedures and practices.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Child Safe Champion in combination with the Policy Committee will regularly review all School Policies including the Child Safe Standards.</li> <li>All school Policies including the Child Safe Standards are managed by the Child Safe Champion and the Policy Committee who meet every month or as required in order to update policies and ensure that currency of all policies is prevailed.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We inform families through our school's newsletter and via Compass when child safety and wellbeing policies are being reviewed and ensure they are invited to provide feedback</li> <li>We regularly review (each School Council meeting) any pending and / or ongoing Child Safety policies; and</li> <li>We regularly review and update all Child Safety policies to all SEPS staff and community via either staff meeting and School Council and via SEPS Newsletters and Compass updates.</li> </ul>			
<b>Child Safe Standard 11 – Implementation of child safety practices</b>						
<p><b>Risk Title:</b> Policies and procedures</p> <p><b>Description:</b> There is a risk that policies and procedures do not effectively document how the organisation is safe for children and students and are not effectively implemented by staff and volunteers.</p> <p><b>Risk type:</b> Organisational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The policies and procedures do not address all actions and measures required under the Child Safe Standards</li> <li>The policies and procedures are not informed by best practice models and family and community engagement</li> <li>Staff and relevant volunteers are not provided with an adequate induction or ongoing training and are not properly supported to implement the policies and procedures due to lack of modelling and support from leaders</li> <li>Policies and procedures are difficult to understand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If child safety policy and procedures fail to address all aspects of the Child Safe Standards it will result in gaps in protection of children and increased risk relating to child abuse</li> <li>If child safety policies and procedures are not effectively documented or are difficult to understand it may result in staff (particularly new staff) being unaware of their child safety obligations, roles and responsibilities increasing the risk of child abuse</li> <li>If child safety policies and procedures are not informed by best practice or family and community engagement it may result in compromised ability to protect children from child abuse.</li> <li>Failure to induct, train and support staff and relevant volunteers on implementation of child safety policies and procedures increases the risk of child abuse</li> <li>Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our suite of child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures address all aspects of the Child Safe Standards</li> <li>Our staff and relevant volunteers are inducted and trained on our child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices and are supported to implement them</li> <li>Our school leaders champion and model our child safety policies, procedures and practices and address any performance concerns relating to staff conduct or implementation</li> <li>Our Child Safety Champion regularly reviews <a href="#">PROTECT guidance</a> and other relevant policies to ensure our own local child safety policies, procedures and practices are informed by best practice and updated where required.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandringham East Primary School addresses all aspects of the Child Safe Standards by the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By ensuring that all staff are properly trained in Child Safe Standards and Procedures. This is achieved by staff meetings as well as acknowledging having read and understood the Child Safe Standards.</li> <li>That all volunteers at Sandringham East Primary School are provided with adequate induction training and ongoing training.</li> <li>That all members of the school community including School Council are inducted, trained and aware of the current Child Safe Standards and additionally, are provided with up to date amendments and changes accordingly.</li> <li>School student leaders/ representatives are briefed and acknowledge that Child Safe Standards are available and know where to access them as well as being aware of staff to approach.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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