



SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Catholic Religious Australia upholds the dignity of all and is committed to promoting and maintaining safe and supportive environments, particularly for children and adults at risk. All people have the right to be protected from abuse. Inclusivity, which is at the heart of the Gospel and our values, shapes our relationship with children, adults at risk, their families, and the community.

We encourage environments that empower children and adults at risk to speak up and to be heard. We recognise the role of families and community in safeguarding children and adults at risk and welcome their input on how to improve the way we relate to them. We are building a culture of care, accountability and transparency upheld in our policies and processes including recruitment, induction, and daily operations. We are actively committed to building prevention and safeguarding practices into everyday practice and working with other Church entities to consider how governance reforms might be implemented throughout our Church.

We act appropriately with children and adults at risk with whom we come into contact, including maintaining boundaries and exercising acceptable standards of behaviour at all times. All staff, volunteers and contractors are aware of their responsibilities in relation to the legislative requirements of relevant jurisdictions and our own complaints and safeguarding policies. Any concerns that are identified or brought forward in any way are acted on appropriately, sensitively and in a timely manner.

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Peter Jones OSA
CRA President

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Anne Walker
CRA National Executive Director

Dated: 12 September 2022

For any inquiries or concerns, or to provide feedback on our CRA Safeguarding Commitment Statement, please contact Anne Walker, National Executive Director by email: nationalexec@catholicreligious.org.au