



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

- Good Samaritan Catholic College complies with all requirements of the *NSW Child Protection Legislative Reform Package 1998*. It takes into account all four Acts contained in the package:
 - The Commission for Children and Young People Act
 - The Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act
 - The Ombudsman’s Amendment (Child Protection and Community Services) Act
 - The Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act and the NSW Interagency Guidelines for Child Protection Intervention 2000.

This includes:

- Requirements to collect declarations from all paid employees and volunteer helpers who undertake tasks on behalf of the school that may involve unsupervised contact with students. If you wish to volunteer for such tasks at this school you will be required to sign such a declaration.
 - Undertaking the *Working with Children Check* (employment screening) for paid employees of the school.
 - Making notifications of ‘risk of harm’ or abuse to students to the Department of Community Services as per mandatory reporting laws (see attached brochure).
 - Managing allegations of child abuse against employees of the school according to the requirements of the NSW Ombudsman and the Commission for Children and Young People.
 - Ensuring that all paid employees or volunteers are appropriately informed of their obligations under the legislation.
- The college also applies curriculum and pastoral practice to ensure the safety and well being of students attending the school.

VOLUNTEERS

- Child Protection legislation **requires** that all those who undertake volunteer tasks on behalf of the school, where those tasks may involve unsupervised contact with students, must sign a *Prohibited Employment Declaration*.
- This means that the volunteer must not be a prohibited person (i.e. have been convicted of a serious sex crime) and must sign the declaration accordingly.

The college will require you to sign the declaration if you are intending to volunteer to undertake tasks on behalf of the school where unsupervised contact with students is possible.