

**Statement of Commitment
Bayside Catholic Mission
incorporating the communities of**



St Mary's Hampton



St James' Gardenvale



St Joan of Arc's Brighton



Sacred Heart Sandringham



Nazareth Rickett's Point

BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION

We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children, young people, and adults in our Church. Bayside Catholic Mission, in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice, and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

We want our children, young people, and adults to be safe, happy and empowered.

Bayside Catholic Mission, in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has a universal expectation for the protection of children, young people, adults. We are resolutely committed to ensuring that all those engaged in the Church promote the inherent dignity of children, young people and adults their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe environment. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, young people and adults including aboriginal children/adults, those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and those with a disability.

The Catholic Church has a moral, legal, and mission-driven responsibility to create nurturing environments where children, young people and adults are respected, their voices are heard and where they are safe and feel safe.

We are committed to zero tolerance of child/adult abuse and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and reported in line with our legal obligations, our moral obligations, and our Church policies.

Creating child-safe environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by parishes, schools, families, and communities. It is marked by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, and practices.

Every person involved in the Catholic Church has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children, young people, and adults is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

I have read and understand this statement and commit to upholding it.

Name Rev David Cartwright

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Date 8 / 10 / 2020

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Bayside Catholic Mission is committed to safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.