Child Safe Standards Risk Register

School name:	Mickleham Secondary College	Responsible staff member:	Assistant Principal Wellbeing	
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Child Safe Standard 1 – A	Aboriginal cultural safety					
Risk Title: Culturally safe environments Description: 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 Risk type: Situational, Organisational	bullying not adequately managed and addressed • Ignorance/lack of awareness • Curriculum that doesn't include Aboriginal Australians • An unwelcoming environment for Aboriginal students • Policy development and review is not consultative	 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 Aboriginal students do not feel welcome, safe, respected or valued for their diverse and unique identifies which may result in them being less likely to report abuse by adults or peers and make them more vulnerable to harm Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse 	 Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to establish a culturally safe environment and is implemented Our Action Plan for Aboriginal Learning, Wellbeing and Safety outlines the measures we have in place to maintain an inclusive and culturally safe school for Aboriginal children and students Other documents that address Aboriginal cultural safety include: Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy Inclusion and Diversity Policy Inclusion and Diversity Policy Department of Education and Training's Koorie Education Policy Controls to address racism, discrimination and bullying are outlined in the Bullying Prevention Policy and the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy. Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 1 and Ministerial Order 1359 	Yes	Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) Staff complete the Community Understanding Safety Training (CUST) (Principal)	Term 1 2023
	School leadership, governance an					
Leadership, governance and culture	 Decision-making power concentrated in one individual Unclear accountabilities Staff and volunteers are 	 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 	 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 Our Child Safety Code of Conduct is adopted 	Yes	 School leadership model child safety behaviours, embed child safe culture and communicate that everyone is responsible for child safety (Principal) Promote school's child safety policies 	
	unaware of the school's expectations relating to their conduct and role in supporting child safety and wellbeing • Culture of secret keeping • Poor management of conflicts of interest	 safety incidents or concerns Increased risk of child abuse occurring, remaining undetected and not being responded to appropriately because staff and volunteer roles and responsibilities are not clear Poor practices and understanding of information sharing obligations may 	 and actively enforced by school leadership. Inconsistent staff, contractor or volunteer conduct is swiftly addressed. Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Code of Conduct are publicly available and promoted in the school community This risk register is reviewed annually and after any significant child safety incident or concern 		and procedures at staff meetings and through regular communications (newsletter, Compass) • Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal)	

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Risk type: Organisational, Propensity	 Lack of leadership on child safety Poor understanding of the foreseeable risks relating to child abuse Poor understanding of recordkeeping and information management Poor child safety messaging 	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. • Poor records and record-keeping practice can contribute to delays or failures to identify and respond to child safety risks 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. • Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	 Our Volunteers Policy supports volunteers to understand their obligations on information sharing and recordkeeping PROTECT posters and the Four Critical Actions are displayed around the school Records management obligations are met through adherence to the Records Management - School Records Policy and all staff and relevant volunteers understand their obligations on information sharing and record keeping through induction, training and support from leadership. Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 2 and Ministerial Order 1359 			
Child Safe Standard 3 –	Children are safe, informed and a					
Risk Title: Student empowerment Description: There is a risk that students will not be empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them or be taken seriously Risk type: Vulnerability	 Students don't know how to make a complaint or raise a concern or don't feel confident that they will be listened to Students don't understand their rights Student input in decision making is not supported or valued Student contributions or concerns are not taken seriously Students are not offered sexual abuse prevention education Students are coerced or silenced by adults at the school Lack of friendship or peer support 	 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. 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 If students do not feel confident or empowered to raise a concern, they will be unwilling to report abuse Lack of friendship or peer support may increase vulnerability to abuse 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 Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse 	 Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to support child and student empowerment and is implemented Complaints Policy details how students can raise complaints and concerns and is promoted widely to parents and students Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure student wellbeing is supported and prioritised Students are provided with age-appropriate sexual abuse prevention programs and relevant related information through Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials Students are educated about their rights through School Wide Positive Behaviour and Respectful Relationships programs Friendship and peer support are promoted through House Groups, Home Group, Pathways and Learning (PAL), Wellbeing and Student Representative Council Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 3 and Ministerial Order 1359 	Yes	Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) Establish Student Representative Council or Year 7 leadership program (Principal/Assistant Principal)	Term 1 2023

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Child Safe Standard 4 –	Family engagement					
	 Unwelcoming staff Lack of appreciation of the value of community consultation and engagement The school does not offer information to families and communities or avenues to 	risk that students do not feel safe or able to actively participate in school life (see Child Safe Standard 1 and 3) • Families and communities not engaged in child safety at the school are less likely to be able to support the	Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 4 and Ministerial Order 1359	Yes	 Invite families and the school community to have a say in the review of child safety policies, procedures and practices through our parent surveys, school website, Compass newsfeed and newsletters (Principal) Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) 	2023 Term 1 2023
Child Safe Standard 5 –	Equity and diverse needs			•		
Risk Title: Diversity and equity Description: There is a risk that equity is not effectively upheld, and diverse needs are not respected in policy and practice Risk type: Vulnerability	identified for targeted support (such as students with disability, students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+), students	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. • 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	 Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place to support equity and diverse needs and is implemented 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, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) students Child safety information, support and complaints processes are culturally safe, accessible and easy to understand Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 5 and Ministerial Order 1359 School Policies: Bullying Prevention Policy Inclusion and Diversity Policy 	Yes	 Recognise dates that celebrate the diversity of our students, families and community within our school calendar (Principal) Engage families, community or allied health professionals to support diverse student needs (Principal) Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) 	

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	Incidents of discrimination or humiliation are not effectively addressed and managed		Implement: Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships and Building Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials Respectful Relationships whole school approach			
Child Safe Standard 6 -	 - Suitable staff and volunteers					
Risk Title: Suitable staff (including contractors engaged by the school in child-related work) Description: 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 Risk type: Organisational, Propensity	employment screening processes • Provision of false information during recruitment	 Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety during recruitment processes may fail to deter potential predators from seeking employment History and behaviours of concern relating to suitability to work with children are not identified resulting in increased risk of child abuse 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. Insufficient induction results in the increased risk that staff fail to identify child 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. Insufficient supervision and performance management results in increased risk of child abuse and harm to students Staff do not understand their role and responsibilities in promoting and supporting child safety resulting in increased risk of harm Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse 	 Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the controls in place: for child safe recruitment and screening practices for staff. to ensure staff are provided with an appropriate induction in the school's child safety policies and practices. to ensure ongoing supervision and management of staff is focused on child safety and wellbeing All actions and strategies outlined in our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy are implemented Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 6 and Ministerial Order 1359 	Yes	 Include child safety and wellbeing as a regular agenda item for staff meetings at all levels of the organisation (Principal) Provide/facilitate refresher training for staff (Principal) Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) 	Term 1 2023 Term 1 2023

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Risk Title: Suitable Volunteers Description: 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 Risk type: Organisational, Propensity	and culture do not demonstrate sufficient strength and transparency to	 Insufficient promotion of the school's commitment to child safety may fail to deter potential predators from volunteering at the school History and behaviours of concern relating to suitability to work with children are not identified resulting in increased risk of child abuse 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. Insufficient supervision results in increased risk of child abuse and harm to students 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) Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse 	 Volunteer Policy outlines the controls in place to ensure volunteers are suitable to work with children including screening, induction, and ongoing management and supervision 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, or 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. Volunteers that are working with children or that may have access to students in high-risk settings will always be supervised by a member of school staff 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. Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 6 and Ministerial Order 1359 	Yes	Volunteer induction and training to include child safety (Principal) Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal)	Term 1 2023 Term 1 2023
Child Safe Standard 7 –	complaints processes					
Risk Title: Complaints processes Description: There is a risk that processes for complaints and concerns are not child focused Risk type: Organisational, Vulnerability	 Students and parents/carers are uncertain about how to raise a complaint or concern because information is not accessible or easily understood. Processes do not support students, parents and carers to make complaints or raise concerns Complaints processes or responsible staff do not make students feel safe or supported to report Student input in decision making is not valued 	reporting behaviours of concern or	 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 Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures outlines the procedures for responding to complaints or concerns relating to child abuse The Complaints Policy and Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures are publicly available on the school website The Complaints Policy and Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy 	Yes	 Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) Create a plain language accessible document for students and invite feedback. Ensure students have this explained to them at the start of each year (Principal) 	Term 1 2023

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	 Student, parent and carer concerns/complaints are not taken seriously Inadequate response to complaints or concerns relating to child abuse 	further harm to the child and other children • Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	and Procedures are implemented by all relevant staff 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 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 Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 7 and Ministerial Order 1359			
Child Safe Standard 8 –	Child safety knowledge, skills and	l awareness				•
Risk type: Organisational	undertake child safety training that is appropriate to the nature of their role • Training does not cover all necessary topics • Training is poorly facilitated Also refer to Child Safe Standard 6 risks above	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. • Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	 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 Our Volunteers policy provides information on training for volunteers. Volunteers that are 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, or 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. Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 8 and Ministerial Order 1359 	Yes	 Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) Volunteer induction and training to include child safety (Principal) Include child safety and wellbeing as a regular agenda item for staff meetings at all levels of the organisation (Principal) Provide/facilitate refresher training for staff (Principal) School leadership model child safety behaviours, embed child safe culture and communicate that everyone is responsible for child safety (Principal) Promote school's child safety policies and procedures at staff meetings and through regular communications (newsletter, Compass) 	Term 1 2023 Term 1 2023 Term 1 2023 Term 1 2023
	Physical and online environments			1		I
Risk Title: School physical environment Description: There is a risk the school's child safety policies, procedures and	Areas of child safety risk in the school buildings or grounds are not identified and appropriately supervised or managed.	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	 Yard Duty and Supervision Policy outlines supervision processes and requirements with a focus on child safety Yard duty staff are trained to actively patrol the school grounds, paying particular attention to areas near school gates 	Yes	Induct students to the school's physical environment and inform students about out of bounds areas (Assistant Principal)	Term 1 2023 Term 1 2023

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practices do not adequately address and manage the risk of abuse and harm in the school's physical environment Risk type: Situational		Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse	 Child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices are in place to enable staff and volunteers 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 Community use of school facilities (e.g., the community hub) is limited to outside of school operational hours. Arrangements for outside school hours access to the school's community hub and grounds will be managed by the Principal and approved by the School Council Garden sheds and store cupboards are locked unless in use, with controlled access to keys School grounds are well lit for after school activities Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 9 and Ministerial Order 1359 		Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal)	
Risk Title: Online environment Description: 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 Risk type: Situational		occurring if policies, procedures and practices fail to identify and manage areas of risk in the school's online environment – particularly risks	 Digital Learning Policy outlines the controls in place for online conduct and online safety and is implemented Acceptable Use Agreements are in place and enforced Yard Duty and Supervision Policy outlines the supervision controls in place in virtual classrooms 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 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. Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 9 and Ministerial Order 1359 	Yes	 Inform students and their families about appropriate use of the school's technology and cyber safety (Principal) Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) 	Term 1 2023 Term 1 2023

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Risk Title: Off-site school activities and use of third-party providers Description: 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. Risk type: Situational, Organisational, Propensity, Vulnerability	manage risks of child abuse occurring during off-site school activities • School staff fail to identify and manage risks of child abuse by third-party providers engaged by the school	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	 Our school complies with relevant policies with respect to the following activities, including policy relating to child safety and wellbeing: Camps and Excursions NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools Work Experience Procurement Structured Workplace Learning School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships School Community Work Purchasing Secondary Courses and Vocational Training from External Providers 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: using providers who can provide WWCC having supervising school staff members Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 9 and Ministerial Order 1359 	Yes	Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal)	Term 1 2023
Child Safe Standard 10 -	- Review of child safety practices					
Risk Title: Review and improvement Description: There is a risk that the implementation of the Child Safe Standards is not regularly reviewed and improved Risk type: Organisational	 Failure to regularly review child safety policies, procedures and practices (every 2 years) or following any significant child safety incident Failure to use analysis of complaints, concerns and safety incidents to inform possible improvements to child safety policies, procedures and practices Failure to inform families and communities of the outcome of reviews of child safety policies, procedures and practices 	 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. 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. 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 	Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 10 and Ministerial Order 1359	Yes	 Regular review of child safety policies and procedures (Assistant Principal and Student Services Manager) Inform families through our school's newsletter when child safety and wellbeing policies are being reviewed and ensure they are invited to provide feedback Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) 	Term 2 2023 Term 1 2023

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		appropriately to complaints and concerns. • Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse				
	- Implementation of child safety p			T		10007
Risk Title: Policies and procedures Description: 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. Risk type: Organisational	 The policies and procedures do not address all actions and measures required under the Child Safe Standards The policies and procedures are not informed by best practice models and family and community engagement 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 Policies and procedures are difficult to understand 	 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 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 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. Failure to induct, train and support staff and relevant volunteers on implementation of child safety policies and procedures increases the risk of child abuse Physical and psychological harm as a result of child abuse 	 Our suite of child safety and wellbeing policies and procedures address all aspects of the Child Safe Standards Our Child Safe Standards Action List identifies actions we have taken to address Standard 11 and Ministerial Order 1359 	Yes	 Staff and relevant volunteers inducted and trained on our child safety and wellbeing policies, procedures and practices (Principal) School leaders champion and model our child safety policies, procedures and practices and address any performance concerns relating to staff conduct or implementation (Principal) Student Services Manager regularly reviews PROTECT guidance and other relevant policies to ensure our own local child safety policies, procedures and practices are informed by best practice and updated where required Ensure that actions identified in Child Safe Standards Action List have been completed (Principal) 	Term 1 2023