



MARIST FATHERS' AUSTRALIAN PROVINCE

Child Safeguarding Commitment

- A paramount responsibility is to create safe environments for children, young people and vulnerable adults and to protect them from any form of harm or abuse.
- All Marists and Marist personnel have a duty of care to support and protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults.
- All children have equal rights to protection from abuse and exploitation; intervention is necessary on behalf of any child suspected of being abused.
- Any complainant is listened to attentively, and offered a compassionate, prompt and just response when making an allegation of abuse.
- A responsibility of care extends not only to the young person or vulnerable adult who may have suffered harm but also to his or her family. Any person accused of abuse also deserves to be treated with justice and compassion.
- Truth and transparency should characterise all our action.