

OUR CHURCH

A SAFE COMMUNITY

A SHARED COMMITMENT

Each person in every Catholic Church community is asked to become involved in a new program to make our church a safe community for all by working to prevent abuse.

Our aim is to ensure that all communities and organisations within the church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

WHAT CAN EACH OF US DO?

- Respect the dignity of each child, young person and adult in the community
- Be aware of the possibilities of abuse, not overly suspicious
- Trust our instincts, avoid gossip and consult with appropriate persons
- Be open to acquiring a deeper understanding of the harm caused by abuse
- Undertake willingly the checks required by State and Church agencies
- Abide by Codes of Conduct and follow conscientiously Risk Assessment procedures
- Work to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community
- Make a personal commitment to ensuring that our church is a safe community for all