

Governance – Child Safety

TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Background

Tawonga Primary School is a small 3 classroom school with approximately 40-50 students each year. Our school has the following structure: Full time Principal, 0.5 Business Manager, EFT teachers 2.7, Education Support Staff 1.8.

Tawonga Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

As part of Tawonga Primary School's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the 'Betrayal of Trust' report, our school has developed a raft of policies and procedures. These documents are known as the 'Child Safe Standards' and are a compulsory minimum in order to ensure our staff and community are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Responsible Person Overseeing Child Safe Policy and Procedures

Tawonga Primary School takes child safety seriously. As a consequence the Principal will be the person responsible for ensuring the 7 standards are met, delivered, actioned and reviewed each year. The Principals will take on the role of: **Child Safety Officer**. They will work to ensure our school staff and community understand their obligations to 'Child Safety'.

Our school has the following 'Child Safe' documents and processes. These are signed off by the schools governing body and are declared in front of a **Justice of the Peace**. These documents are reviewed annually and reviewed after any significant incidents. The Tawonga Primary School has complied with these standards since the 1st of August 2016.

Standard 1.

Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.

Standard 2.

A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety.

Standard 3.

A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.

Standard 4.

Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.

Standard 5.

Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.

Standard 6.

Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.

Standard 7.

Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Ministerial Order No. 870, which operationalises the Child Safe Standards in all Victorian schools, comes into operation on 1 August 2016. See: Ministerial Order 870

Tawonga Primary School

Motto:

Bringing Life to Learning

Mission:

**A meeting place where student's lifelong learning begins and grows
into a sustainable future**

School Values:

Support

Opportunity:

Unity

Responsibility

Community

Excellence