



Brigidine College Student Protection Update 24 March 2015

The safety and wellbeing of all students at Brigidine College is a priority. Brigidine College is committed to the protection of all our students from harm and abuse. Please be advised of recent changes to legislation in relation to reporting of student protection matters by schools.

Reporting of Concerns – any concerns or reasonable suspicions Brigidine College has regarding student's safety and wellbeing, or the behaviour of a staff member or volunteer which a student considers to be inappropriate, will continue to be managed in accordance with Catholic Education Student Protection processes. All Brigidine College staff recently undertook further training on their reporting responsibilities.

Brigidine College is committed to a partnership with parents in the education of their daughters. We welcome parent involvement and participation in the Brigidine College community. The staff at Brigidine College use a wide variety of means to communicate with parents and to share information pertaining to the student's education and to the College community. Our aim is to listen to and respond appropriately to all parental concerns and requests.

Family and Child Connect Services - The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, has now established Family and Child Connect services to provide support to families. Please make contact with the school if you feel your family may benefit from contact with a Family and Child Connect Service or a local support service, through our Guidance Counsellor. The Brisbane service will be introduced in 2016.

Concerns or Further Information - Parents and students should connect with the Student Protection contacts; Mr Brendan Cahill, Ms Dana Wedge, Mrs Madeleine Grimes or Mrs Simone Firmin-Sara or the class teacher if there are any concerns about the safety and wellbeing of any student or concerns about the behaviour of a staff member or volunteer. We take all reports seriously and will handle them in accordance with our Student Protection processes.

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