

# National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

## Aligning the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards with the National Strategy

The following table demonstrates the alignment of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Edition 2 with the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021 – 2030.

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards	National Strategy Themes and Measures	
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<b>Standard 1: Committed leadership, governance and culture</b> <i>The safeguarding of children and adults is embedded in the entity's leadership, governance and culture</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations
<b>Standard 2: Children and adults are safe, informed and participate</b> <i>Children and adults are informed about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations Measure 7: Deliver a website and helpline to assist victims and survivors to access help and information
<b>Standard 3: Partnering with families, carers and communities</b> <i>Families, carers and communities are informed and involved in promoting the safeguarding of children and adults</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations

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<b>Standard 4: Equity is promoted and diversity is respected</b> <i>Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations Measure 8: Deliver a trauma-aware and culturally appropriate resource to improve early disclosure experiences of, and access to specialist services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims and survivors
<b>Standard 5: Robust human resource management</b> <i>People working with children and adults are suitable and supported to reflect safeguarding values in practice</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations Measure 3: Enhance national arrangements for sharing child safety and wellbeing information
<b>Standard 6: Effective complaints management</b> <i>Processes for raising concerns and complaints are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, adults, families, carers, communities, and personnel</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures Theme 2: Supporting and empowering victims and survivors	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations
<b>Standard 7: Ongoing education and training</b> <i>Personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and adults safe through information, ongoing education and training</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures Theme 3: Enhancing national approaches to children with harmful sexual behaviours	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations Measure 4: Support the provision of resources for teachers, children and young people's education in areas focused on wellbeing, relationships and safety, including online safety Measure 5: Work with the National Centre to develop and deliver education and capacity building measures Measure 6: Deliver a national awareness raising campaign on child sexual abuse

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		Measure 15: Increase workforce capability for preventing and responding to children with harmful sexual behaviours
<b>Standard 8: Safe physical and online environments</b> <i>Physical and online environments promote safety and contain appropriate safeguards to minimise the opportunity for children and adults to be harmed</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations Measure 4: Support the provision of resources for teachers, children and young people’s education in areas focused on wellbeing, relationships and safety, including online safety
<b>Standard 9: Continuous improvement</b> <i>Entities regularly review and improve implementation of their systems for keeping children and adults safe</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations Measure 2: Set up an ongoing national annual reporting framework for non-government organisations to report on their progress to create and maintain child safe cultures
<b>Standard 10: Policies and procedures support the safety of children and adults</b> <i>Policies and procedures document how the entity is safe for children and adults</i>	Theme 1: Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures Theme 5: Improving the evidence base	Measure 1: Implement and promote the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations Measure 27: Develop an evaluation on the implementation and effectiveness of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations