



CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS - MAKE A REPORT

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College has appointed the people listed below as the College's Child Safety Officers. Each Child Safety Officer is available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Child Safe Policy and the Child Protection Program.

Child Safety Officers are selected based on a number of considerations, namely:

- their personal attitudes, experiences and beliefs, for example, a person who is non-judgmental, calm, resilient and demonstrates a high degree of integrity and respect for confidentiality
- their role within the College, for example, a person who has seniority and experience working with complex student and family issues at the College and someone who is readily accessible available to all members of the College community
- their personal profile within the College, for example, a person who is approachable, who students and staff trust and who is willing and able to respond to issues personally and sensitively

The College's Child Safety Officers can be your first point of contact for reporting child protection issues within the College.

If you have any concern that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed a belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Child Safety Officers. Please be aware that consulting with a Child Safety Officer does not change any obligation you have under legislation to report to an external authority. Refer to our Procedures for Responding to and Reporting Allegations of Child Abuse.

The welfare and best interests of the child are paramount. Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 000.

Name	Position	Contact No.	Email
Steven Mifsud	Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing	(03) 8398 2046	childsafety@msj.vic.edu.au
Stacey Bourke	Director of Student Wellbeing	(03) 8398 2017	childsafety@msj.vic.edu.au

Our Senior Child Safety Officer

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College has appointed **Steven Mifsud, Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing**, as the College's Senior Child Safety Officer. The Senior Child Safety Officer has an important role in the promotion and maintenance of our child protection culture at the College.

The Senior Child Safety Officer is identified in our publicly available Child Safe Policy as a contact for the wider community when they have child protection concerns relating to the College. The Senior Child Safety Officer is contactable by phone on **(03) 8398 2046** or by emailing **smifsud@msj.vic.edu.au**.

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