

# ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, MILDURA



<b>Policy Number:</b>	COLLEGE 22
<b>Policy Name:</b>	Responding to a Critical Incident Policy
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Principal
<b>Date Approved by Executive:</b>	September 12, 2019
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<b>Related Policies:</b>	Critical Incident Response Plan & Emergency Management Plan (DISPLAN) Risk Management Policy Risk Management Strategic Context Risk Management Plan

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## PREAMBLE

God is at the centre of our College...Mercy is the heartbeat of the Gospel. We encourage every student to grow in the fullness of life and realise their potential through the bread we break at school, the bread of relationships and the bread of conversation. Let us engage the heart and bring faith to life and life to faith (Thomas Groome).

## LEGISLATION

This policy takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in *Ministerial Order No. 1359*. This policy applies to St Joseph's College staff, including employees, volunteers, contractors and clergy.

Further information relating to the Ministerial Order can be found at <https://www.safeguardingservices.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Ministerial-Order-1359.pdf>

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## 1. PURPOSE

1.1 To ensure the College responds in most effective way to any Critical Incident to minimise the impact of such an event on students, staff and families.

## 2. CONTENT

2.1 The College Executive have agreed to adopt the "Responding to a Critical Incident" document prepared by Catholic Education Office Ballarat and signed by Audrey Brown (Director of Catholic Education Ballarat).

2.2 It is recognised that the Critical Incident Response Plan & Emergency Management Plan are followed in the first instance when an incident occurs to ensure safety of staff, students and visitors.

2.3 The Risk Management Policy and associated documents aim to identify, manage and eliminate any risk from occurring, and therefore prevent Critical Incidents from occurring in the first instance.

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## APPENDIX 1

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