

## Our mission

St Joseph's College Mildura is a co-educational college in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy.

We aim for the education of the whole person in an inclusive Catholic community where dignity and respect for the individual complements the fulfilment of potential in all our endeavours. Our college is a Child Safe School where all students have the right to feel safe and be safe.

## Our vision

St Joseph's aspires to be a living sign of faith, hope and love as we build a welcoming learning community for students, staff and families. In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, our college provides opportunities for students to be empowered through:

- The development of a faith response in individuals and as a Catholic community.
- The education of the whole person – spiritually, physically, emotionally, artistically, intellectually, socially.
- Building a desire within students to be life-long learners who fully use their God-given talents.

- Experiencing a learning community, which offers a just and inclusive environment where students can find respect for diverse and passionate educational pursuits.
- The encouragement of global citizens committed to a Christ-centred vision of a united world, where social justice is a key focus in policy and practice.

Our first priority is the wellbeing of children in our care. There will be zero tolerance to child abuse. We aim to create a child safe and child friendly environment where children feel safe and are free to enjoy life to the full without any impediments to their safety.



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# Our school's commitment to your child's safety

## PROVIDING A SAFE & NURTURING CULTURE FOR ALL STUDENTS

### A GUIDE FOR PARENTS GUARDIANS, CAREGIVERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY



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# Upholding student safety at St Joseph's

The ongoing safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is the primary focus of care and decision making at St Joseph's College.

Particular attention is paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds as well as the safety of children with a disability. Informed by emerging thinking and evidence we commit to actively and continually develop and review all policies, processes and practices.

## Empowering families, children and young people

In partnership with our families, St Joseph's College ensures children and young people are engaged and active participants in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on their safety.

This means that the views of staff, children, young people and families are taken seriously and their concerns are addressed in a just and timely manner. Children and young people are also provided with the necessary skills and knowledge to understand and maintain their personal safety and wellbeing.

## Implementing rigorous risk-management practices

St Joseph's College will systematically and continually identify and assess risks to child safety and will eliminate (where possible) or reduce all potential sources of harm. Effective risk management is embedded in school life through effective, transparent and well-understood policies, procedures and practices.

We employ competent and professional staff who are expected to maintain the safety of all students. Staff appointments are aligned with Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) and AITSL process and standards.

The college is committed to creating a child-safe environment and to staying abreast of legislative and moral duties to protect the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in our care. These include but are not limited to Victorian Child Safe Standards (Victorian Government July 1, 2022) *"The Minister for Education has issued Ministerial Order No. 1359 – Implementing the Child Safe Standards – Managing the risk of child abuse in schools and school boarding premises (Ministerial Order No. 1359). It outlines minimum requirements schools and school boarding premises must meet to comply with the new Child Safe Standards."* Reportable Conduct Scheme (July 1, 2017), grooming, failure to disclose and failure to protect requirements.

## For further information, please contact the college's Child Safety Officer on 03 5018 8000

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## Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, St Joseph's College recognises that it is situated on country of which the tribes of the Latje Latje and the Barkindji people have been custodians for many centuries and on which they have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation, and renewal.

We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region and offer our deep appreciation for their contribution to and support of our academic enterprise. Together we acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the education of all children and people in this country that we all live in and share together.

St Joseph's College is committed to improving the educational achievements of Aboriginal students in schools and to enhancing the knowledge and understanding of all students about the history, heritage, and cultures of Aboriginal Australians. We also pay respect to the Elders, past, present, and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and hopes of Indigenous Australia.

## College Welcome

As an inclusive faith community, we acknowledge that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and created with love. All faiths, genders, sexualities, and cultures are therefore respected, accepted, and welcome in the St Joseph's College community.

WE ASPIRE TO LIVE BY THE CORE VALUES  
OF **SPIRITUALITY, EXCELLENCE, COMPASSION,**  
**JUSTICE, HOSPITALITY, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE.**

