



## Broadford Secondary College

# VRQA CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

### Standard 7 – Strategies to promote child empowerment and participation

*Broadford Secondary College actively promotes the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm in the school environment in accordance with their legal obligations including Child Safe Standards.*

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Responsible for Review	College Council / Policies Sub-Committee / Principal Class Officers
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References	DET

#### RATIONALE

To ensure that children feel safe to report abuse and have processes in place to ensure that students are empowered to raise any child safety concerns.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

Broadford Secondary College promotes child empowerment and participation through various means.

We endeavour to involve our students when making decisions about matters that directly affect them. We listen to them and respect what they have to say. By doing this we engender a confidence to know that when they speak they will be heard.

Broadford Secondary College personnel are very proud to support the following:

- Visible and approachable College Leadership Team
- Visible and approachable staff
- Involved and visible Wellbeing Team – Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Wellbeing worker, school nurse and access to outside specialist agencies. The Wellbeing Team presents several programs:
  - Girls Group
  - Year 9 Kids Day In
  - Year 10 Sexual Health & Wellbeing
  - Community Pride
  - Breakfast Club
- Advocacy Program, Years 7-11
- Respect Program – College wide program
- Koori Engagement Manager
- SRC – student representative on College Council
- School Policies on Bullying and Harassment, Mandatory Reporting, Communication, Behaviour Management.



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The College recognises the importance of 'connectedness' and endeavours to have open communication between families and the College Community.

- Advocacy Program, Years 7-11, a teacher is allocated to a small group
- Year Level Co-ordinator at each year level
- *COMPASS* on-line communication medium
- Community Pride Awards in partnership with Nexus Health
- SRC – active SRC, comprising students across the school, involved in school-wide issues; SRC leaders on College Council

Broadford Secondary College's School Values and School Rules are included in the Broadford Secondary College Information booklet, a copy of which is given to all students new to the school, with copies available on-line.

All Broadford Secondary College's Child Safe Standards will be available on the College website, *COMPASS* and are published in the College newsletter.

This Standard will be reviewed at least annually.