



Sisters of Our Lady of Sion

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS COMMITMENT STATEMENT OF NOTRE DAME DE SION

The Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame de Sion, known in Australia as Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, are actively committed to recognizing, safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable adults.

We actively seek to become and remain informed of the causes and signs of child and vulnerable adult abuse.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion has implemented policies and procedures to prevent risks to children and vulnerable adults. All the sisters, staff and volunteers are committed to follow these policies and procedures and contribute to the culture of empowerment, care and protection of children and vulnerable adults.

Anyone who brings forward a suspicion, concern, knowledge or allegation of current or past abuse of a child or vulnerable adult to the Congregation of Notre Dame de Sion, will be responded to sensitively, respectfully, actively and in a timely manner, and in line with our lawful obligations. Such information will be reported to the appropriate authority. Where there is immediate risk of harm, the police will be notified.

Every person within the authority of the Congregation of Notre Dame de Sion who comes into contact, or works with children or vulnerable adults, seeks to establish a safe and supportive relationship. In planning, organizing or reviewing activities with children or vulnerable adults, we will consider potential risks and strive to ensure these are reduced or eliminated where possible. We encourage all involved to communicate areas of concern or where our approach may need improvement.

We regularly undertake internal and external auditing of our safeguarding policies and practices to make sure that they always support a culture and practice that puts the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults at the centre of our thinking and action.

We have joined the National Redress Scheme and open to work in collaboration with Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited.

For more information or to raise a concern, please contact the Privacy Officer at:
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