



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF ROCKHAMPTON

Safeguarding Statement of Commitment

The Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to Safeguarding Children and Adults-at-Risk

The Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to safeguarding all children, young people and adults-at-risk. We profess that all children, young people and adults-at-risk have an equal right to protection from abuse. We believe that every human being has dignity that we recognise as coming directly from God's creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness.

The Diocese of Rockhampton believes that children, young people and adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological harm; and consider the welfare of the child/young person/adult-at-risk as paramount in all decisions and actions.

We will take every reasonable step to ensure that children, young people and adults-at-risk are protected. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. We enable all Church personnel to make informed and confident decisions regarding safeguarding. We expect everyone working or volunteering in the Diocese to have read, understood and adhere to the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and related procedures.

The Diocese of Rockhampton has implemented a Code of Conduct for all paid and voluntary roles within the Diocese to maintain a safe environment. Our commitment to zero tolerance for abuse and stringent safeguarding measures means that we gather references and appropriate clearance checks for all persons who have indicated they wish to engage in voluntary ministry that have direct and regular involvement with children (0 to 18 years) and/or adults-at-risk.



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