

Hello! We at Yarra Valley Vineyard value you and your child/ren, and It is vital to us that each child feels valued and safe. As such we have written Policies and Procedures that reflect and abide by the *Victorian Child Safe Standards* to become a **Child Safe Church**.

YVV CHILD SAFE STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Children and young people have the right to be safe at all times. This Child Safe Statement has been developed for the protection of children and young people involved in the church community.

Our statement clearly affirms our commitment to:

- Have zero tolerance towards child abuse
- Actively work to listen to and empower children and young people
- Have systems to protect children from abuse, and take all allegations and concerns very seriously. We will respond to them consistently in line with YVV Child Safe Policy and Procedures.
- Commit to promoting cultural safety for Aboriginal children, cultural safety for children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to provide a safe environment for children with a disability.

Our Kid Friendly Child Safe Policy....

At Kids Church we.....

- We have **FUN** and feel **SAFE**
- Everyone can **join in** and have a **go**
- We always tell a **grown-up** where we are going

- We **RESPECT** each other
- We **listen** to each other
- We **share** with each other
- We are **kind** and **loving**
- We **treat** others the way we want to be **treated**
- We don't use **put-downs**

- Our **FEELINGS** matter
- We can say '**NO**' to something if we are uncomfortable
- We can tell a **grown-up** when we are uncomfortable
- We don't have to keep a **secret** if it makes us feel uncomfortable

- Your **BODY** belong to **YOU**
- We keep our **hands** and **feet** to ourselves
- We can tell a **grown-up** if we feel unsafe. We can tell our **parents** and our **leaders**.

YVV IS A CHILDSAFE CHURCH



Child Safe

Promoting the *safety, participation and empowerment* of Children and Young people in our congregation

At YVV....

We believe that churches ought to be places of safety and refuge for children, young people and others, where they should be and feel safe from any threat when on church property or involved in activities operated by the church, or accessing services provided by the church. We believe that the church should be a place where people can disclose abuse and have it dealt with effectively.

All people involved in children and youth ministries have WWCC and undergone careful screening and training, including in the identification and prevention of child abuse. Any disclosures will be handled confidentially, in accordance with our legal obligations under the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act (2005)*, the *Reportable Conduct Scheme (2018)*, the YVV Child Safe Policy and Procedures, and the YVV Privacy Policy.

We have established and outlined a prevention strategy in our Child Safe Policy and Procedures that includes screening, sound recruitment and selection procedures, clear boundaries, risk identification and management, education, support, supervision and training.

If you would like to see our YVV Child Safe Policy a copy is available from the Information Table, at yvvcf.org.au and from our Kids and Youth Ministry leaders.

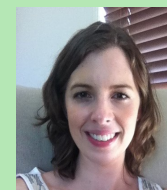
Participation and Empowerment

We invite input from children and families including ways to be more ethnically, culturally and linguistically inclusive.

Please let the Child Safe Officer, or Kids and Youth leaders know of any ideas you have that can enhance our Child Safe program, or if there are any specific needs that your family has to enable greater participation.



Any issues or concerns related to our Kids or Youth ministries, Child Safe Policy or child safety can be taken to:



Claire Stuart (Child Safe Officer)
childsafeyvvcf.org.au



Joe Houldey (Youth Pastor)
jhouldey@yvvcf.org.au

The Leaders of Kids Church

Alternatively you can contact:

Phone 000- if there is an immediate risk to safety

Your local Victoria Police Station

The Child Wise National Child Abuse Prevention Hotline on 1800 99 10 99

The Department of Human Services- Child Protection on 1300 360 391 (AH 13 12 78)