

Child safe standards

QCYC Code of conduct

All members of Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club (QCYC) are required to observe child safe principles and behaviour towards, and in the company of children, as noted below.

All members of QCYC are responsible for supporting the safety, participation, wellbeing and empowerment of children by:

- adhering to the *QCYC Statement of Commitment* to child safety at all times
- taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- treating everyone with respect
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they report that they or another child has been abused and/or are worried about their safety or the safety of another
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children (for example, by never questioning an Aboriginal child's self-identification)
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having a zero tolerance of discrimination)
- promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of children of all abilities (for example, during personal care activities)
- ensuring as far as practicable that adult non-family members are not left alone with a child
- reporting any allegations of child abuse to QCYC Safety Officer, Dr Michael Ackland
- reporting any child safety concerns to QCYC Safety Officer, Dr Michael Ackland
- if an allegation of child abuse is made, ensure as quickly as possible that the child(ren) are safe
- encouraging children to 'have a say' and participate in all relevant organisational activities where possible, especially on issues that are important to them

Members must not:

- develop any 'special' relationships with children that could be seen as favouritism (for example, the offering of gifts or special treatment for specific children)
- exhibit behaviours with children which may be construed as unnecessarily physical
- put children at risk of abuse (for example, by locking doors)
- do things of a personal nature that a child can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children (for example, personal social activities)
- use inappropriate language in the presence of children
- express personal views on cultures, race or sexuality in the presence of children
- discriminate against any child, including because of culture, race, ethnicity or disability
- ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child abuse.

By observing these standards you acknowledge your responsibility to immediately report any breach of this code to QCYC Safety Officer, Dr Michael Ackland

If you believe that a child is at immediate risk of abuse, phone 000.

I agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

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