



Safeguarding Statement of Commitment

The Diocese of Rockhampton is Committed to Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to safeguarding all children, young people and vulnerable adults and that all children, young people and vulnerable adults 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 vulnerable 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/vulnerable adult as paramount in all decisions and actions.

We will take every reasonable step to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults 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 (All Church personnel) to have read, understood and adhere to the Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy and related procedures.

The Diocese of Rockhampton has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children (0---18years) and the vulnerable.