Safeguarding Children and Young People Program

Parent Association Briefing



Safeguarding Children Program

- Hutchins has embarked on a voluntary accreditation program called Safeguarding Children.
- The program is designed by the Australian Childhood Foundation to help organisations build capacity to keep children safe from abuse and exploitation by employees and volunteers.
- The approach, tools and training are drawn from 10+ years of research.
- This initiative has been undertaken with St Michael's Collegiate.

Progress update

- At the end of 2018, all documents (policies and procedures) were uploaded to the safeguarding portal and formally endorsed by Australian Childhood Foundation (ACF).
- As at 24 Feb 2019, 300 staff and volunteers have completed the safeguarding children online training.



What are the next steps in 2019?

- Audit by ACF 4-5 March interview with staff members,
 Board & Executive
- Audit report compiled by ACF 1 month after audit
- Audit report provided to independent accreditation panel for decision on accreditation

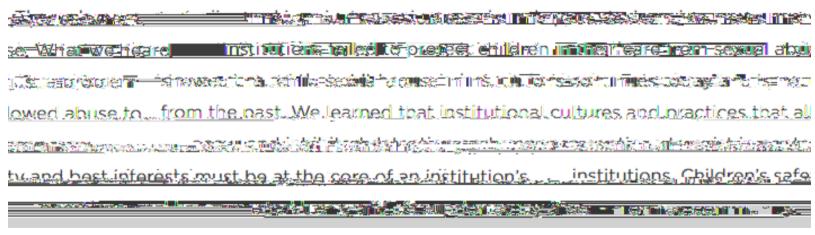
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The importance of this work

Royal Commission

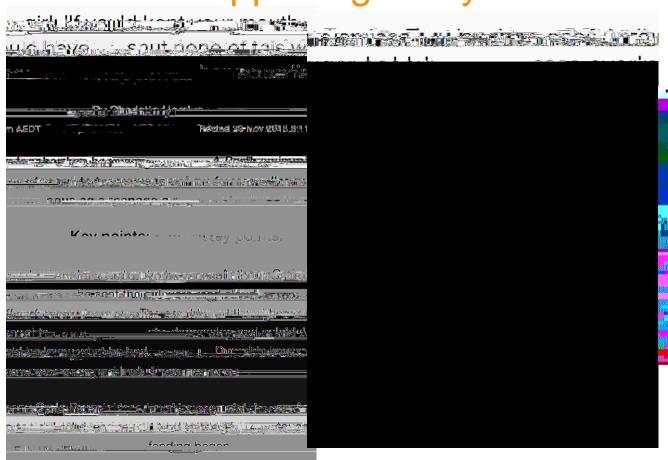


Do not underestimate the importance of what we are doing



Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse - Making institutions child safe

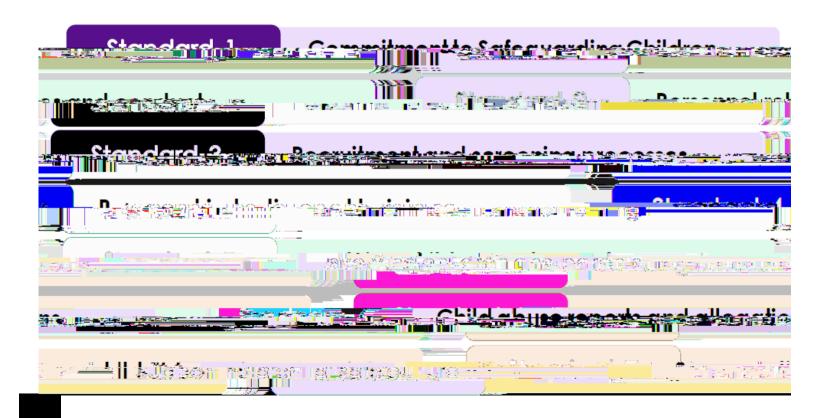
Still happening today





Accreditation Standards

Overview of standards



Standard 5 – Involving children and parents

Involving parents and children

- Obtaining feedback from both students and parent/carers is crucial
- The Hutchins School website will host information for students and parent/carers on Safeguarding Children Program
 - Information for parents about Safeguarding Children and Young People
 - Guidelines for parents and carers Safeguarding Children and Young
 People
 - Safeguarding statement for children





What will PA members need to do?

- Hold and maintain working with vulnerable people registration
- Complete the online Safeguarding Children Training
- Read the Practice and Behaviour Guidelines and sign the Commitment Statement



What important questions do you have?



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