



Somers Yacht Club

Child Safety Code of Conduct

Our Club's Child Safety Code of Conduct provides adults with a clear guide on the behaviour that is expected of them in our Club environments, and:

- lists acceptable and unacceptable behaviours
- identifies professional boundaries and ethical behaviour
- applies to all Club activities, including sailing activities, youth events, use of digital technology and social media
- is publicly available

Who has to follow it?

All members, volunteers, staff and contractors of our Club community.

Acceptable behaviours

- upholding our commitment to child safety and following our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- treating children and families in our Club community with respect
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of children
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children, all genders, ethnicities and disabilities
- ensuring, as far as practicable, that adults are not alone with a child
- reporting any allegations of child abuse or other child safety concerns
- if child abuse is suspected, ensuring as quickly as possible that the child is safe and protected

Unacceptable behaviours

- engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children
- use prejudice, oppressive behaviour or inappropriate language in the presence of children
- engage in or put children at risk of any form of abuse, including physical, emotional, psychological, verbal and sexual
- develop a relationship with a child that could be seen as favouritism or amount to 'grooming' behaviour
- take or publish photos, movies or recordings of a student without parental/guardian consent
- overly familiar or inappropriate behaviour towards a child
- communicate directly with a child through personal or private contact channels
- make inappropriate contact with children, particularly without their parent or guardians' knowledge, outside of the Club
- ignore or disregard any of the above behaviours exhibited by others

Report any Concerns

By observing these standards, you acknowledge your responsibility to immediately report any breach of this code to Somers Yacht Club Child Safety Officers, Trish Low and/or Emma Morris. Child Safety Incident Report Forms are found online and near the sailing sign on desk.

Communications will be treated confidentially on a 'need to know basis'.

If a child is in immediate danger, the Police should be contacted on 000