



Safeguarding Children & Young Adults; our Commitment

St Bede's College is committed to ensuring that children, young people, and adults at risk are safeguarded from harm, are respected and nurtured.

This page provides information and contacts for any person who has experienced abuse at facilities operated by the De La Salle Brothers. The Australian Professional Standards Office is available to assist with any enquiry relating to our works across all countries under the District including Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Papua New Guinea.

Our commitment to children and young people

St Bede's College is strongly committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk. We recognise safeguarding is a shared responsibility of all, for all. We acknowledge that the College has responsibility for / works with those who have specific needs including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, the elderly, those living with disability or suffering from an illness, those from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, are children in out-of-home care, those who are homeless, and children and adults of diverse sexuality.

Responding to abuse

It is tragic but undeniable part of our history that some children have been harmed in our care. For that we are deeply sorry and our apology is unreserved. We encourage any person who wishes to make any complaint about their experience in any of our facilities to come forward at the time and manner of their own choosing. We want you to know that you will be supported if you choose to come forward.

There are a number of pathways available, including:

- Directly to St Bede's College Principal's Office 9582 5999
- Through the National Redress Scheme on 1800 737 377 or www.nationalredress.gov.au
- Through your own independent legal representation
- Through your local Police

Available support services

There are many support services which are available across all states and territories of Australia and information about these can be found on the National Redress Scheme website here <https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/support>

Should you require immediate crisis support including emergency mental health care, please contact Triple 0, your local hospital emergency department or Lifeline on 13 11 14.

The Kids Helpline also provides tailored support for children and young people 24 hours a day on 1800 55 1800.