

Child Safety Framework

Advice to principals regarding MACS board-approved policies – July 2026



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

The MACS board and executive director have approved changes in policies, templates, procedures and forms in the Child Safety and Wellbeing Framework following their review. The documents are listed below.

Principals should note or action the following:

- all board-approved policies and associated documents are labelled v[version number].0 – [year of approval], e.g. v2.0 – 2023
- the current, approved policy version must be used by schools/colleges and published on the school/college website where indicated
- policies/documents must be contextualised by the school/college where indicated
- existing school policies/documents should be checked to ensure they are the current, approved versions
- actions must be completed by the dates indicated below. If no date is indicated the change should be made as soon as practicable.

Board-approved document name	Previous version or document (if different to the board-approved document)	Change	Actions required
D26/31407[v1] Child Abuse Identification and Response Policy – PROTECT	D21/77444[v6] PROTECT: Identifying and Responding to Abuse – Reporting Obligations Policy	• Minor revisions have been made to align with updated PROTECT requirements. • A new student-to-student abuse pathway has been introduced. • A requirement has been added to identify the source of abuse and respond accordingly, guided by the 4 Critical Actions: identify, report, support and refer.	• Principals to ensure previous versions of the policy are retired and are no longer in use once the new version of the policy is published in Term 3, 2026. • Principals to ensure all staff, students, parents and carers and the wider school community are informed of the updated policy. • Principals to ensure implementation as soon as possible in Term 3, 2026 and no later than the end of Term 3. • For publication on the school website.



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D23/9267[v4] Police or Child Protection Interviews at School: PROTECT Procedure	D23/92764[v3] Police or Child Protection Interviews at school – PROTECT Procedure	Minor revisions have been made to align with updated PROTECT requirements.	- Principals to ensure previous versions of the procedure are retired and are no longer in use once the new version of the procedure is published in Term 3, 2026. - Principals to ensure all staff, students, parents and carers and the wider school community are informed of the updated procedures. - Principals to ensure implementation as soon as possible in Term 3, 2026 and no later than the end of Term 3. - For publication on the school website.
D23/92763[v4] Responding to Requests from Victoria Police and Child Protection – PROTECT	D23/92763[v3] Responding to Requests from Victoria Police and Child Protection – PROTECT Procedure	Minor revisions have been made to align with updated PROTECT requirements.	- Principals to ensure previous versions of the procedure are retired and are no longer in use once the new version of the policy is published in Term 3, 2026. - Principals to ensure all staff, students, parents and carers and the wider school community are informed of the updated procedures. - Principals to ensure implementation as soon as possible in Term 3, 2026 and no later than the end of Term 3. - For publication on the school website.
	D23/92762[v3] Informing staff of reporting obligations – PROTECT Procedure	Retire current procedure.	Principals to ensure previous versions of this procedure are retired and are no longer in use once the new version of the policy is published in Term 3, 2026.

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	D23/92761[v2] Responding to offences under the Crimes Act 1958 (Vic) – PROTECT Procedure	Retire current procedure.	Principals to ensure previous versions of this procedure are retired and are no longer in use once the new version of the policy is published in Term 3, 2026.
	D23/92760[v3] Responding to all forms of child abuse – PROTECT Procedure	Retire current procedure.	Principals to ensure previous versions of this procedure are retired and are no longer in use once the new version of the policy is published in Term 3, 2026.
	D23/92759[v3] Responding to student sexual offending – PROTECT Procedure	Retire current procedure.	Principals to ensure previous versions of this procedure are retired and are no longer in use once the new version of the policy is published in Term 3, 2026.