

The Diocese of Lismore is committed to fostering communities of safety and care. We acknowledge our legal, moral, and spiritual responsibilities to care for and uphold the dignity and rights of children, young people, and adults at risk.

The Diocese of Lismore has;

1. a zero tolerance to the abuse or neglect of children, young people or vulnerable adults and commits to acting in their best interests at all times;
2. established a policy and developed a range of procedures that work together to protect, and, where required, to respond immediately and compassionately to any harm, or risk of harm;
3. safeguarding procedures and practices underpinned by legislation – ensuring ongoing compliance, accountability and transparency in all ministries undertaken by the Church; and
4. acknowledged the experiences of those who have survived child sexual abuse. The effects of abuse are long lasting and serious. The Diocese wishes to prevent future abuse and encourage everyone to champion child safety and commits to preventing future abuse whether it is sexual, physical, emotional or neglect.

Creating safe environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by parishes, schools, families and communities. Safe environments are marked by collaboration, vigilance and a proactive approach to safeguarding. Workers have a responsibility to safeguard children, young people and the vulnerable through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment. All workers, including clergy, employees and volunteers are to be taught what is required to undertake their roles in a way that enhances a safe and caring environment.



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