MACS CARE

Bringing the Child Safety and Wellbeing Framework to life through MACS Care

Child Safety is part of our culture and practice, and it's everybody's responsibility. MACS Care supports schools to embed and enhance the presence of the Child Safe Standards in their context.

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What is MACS Care?

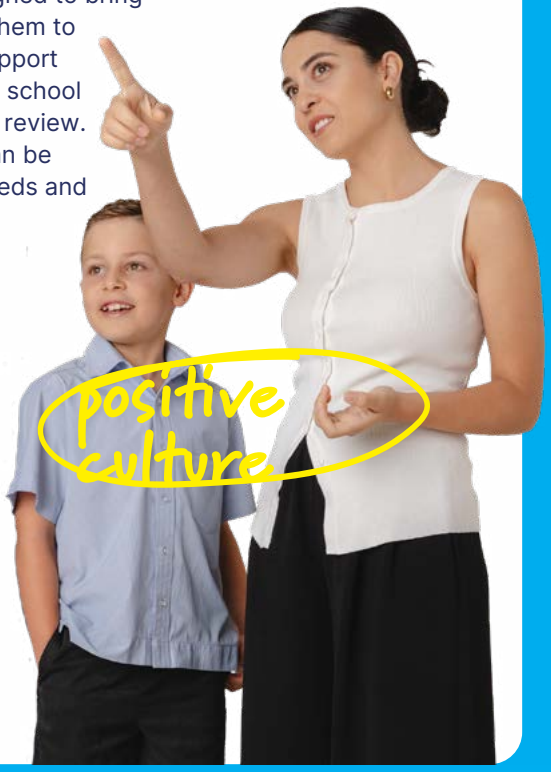
MACS Care is our Child Safety Strategy in action. It is deliberately curated to raise awareness, encourage accountability, and inspire action to ensure the safety of children and young people. By creating a concise and impactful narrative, MACS Care seeks to resonate with all members of the MACS community, prompting them to actively contribute to creating safer environments for children and young people.

How can MACS Care support your school and leaders?

To support implementation, MACS Care launched the '11 Months, 11 Standards' campaign, which encourages schools to highlight one Child Safety standard each month. Having an intentional focus on one standard helps your school maintain compliance and keep child safety front of mind.

MACS Care resources and tools are designed to bring child safety into everyday practice. Use them to spark conversations in staff meetings, support new staff induction, guide leadership and school board discussions, and strengthen policy review. Flexible and practical, these resources can be adapted to reflect the unique context, needs and priorities of every school.

- Practical, school specific and ready to use resources to support compliance obligations, particularly the Victorian 11 Child Safe Standards
- Promotes a positive and sustainable culture of child safety
- Inspires action at all levels of the school community – staff, parents and students
- Supports the implementation of the MACS Child Safety & Wellbeing Framework



How does MACS Care align with the Vision for Engagement (VFE)?

Both MACS Care and Vision for Engagement are whole school approaches, which highlight the role of all staff in keeping children safe and engaged.

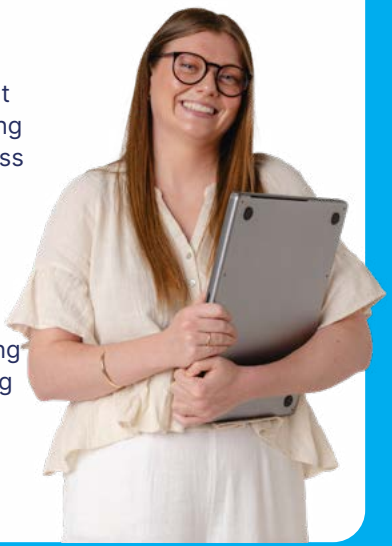
The Vision for Engagement places at its centre the commitment to a school environment in which young people and their families feel a deep sense of connectedness and safety. In addition, the VFE focuses on the wellbeing, safety and mental health of each child, and the deep commitment to inclusion of all learners, in partnership with parents and carers. Both the VFE and MACS Care promote student agency and voice as crucial to ensuring child safety.

How does MACS Care align with the Vision for Leadership (VFL)?

MACS Care supports school leaders to engage with the Leadership Capabilities outlined in the Vision for Leadership. By engaging with the MACS Care resources and 11 Months, 11 Standards campaign, leaders can demonstrate engagement with the following capabilities: 'Growing others', 'Enhancing wellbeing', 'Cultivating learning, development and engagement', 'Enhancing Change' and 'Engaging Community'.

How does MACS Care align with the Vision for Instruction (VFI)?

The Vision for Instruction is grounded in evidence about how students learn and provides a shared understanding of high-quality, evidence-based teaching practice across MACS schools. It recognises the importance of explicit teaching, modelling, guided practice and opportunities for students to develop practice and apply new skills. Students' wellbeing, sense of safety and belonging are important conditions that support engagement in learning. MACS Care complements the VFI by supporting schools to create safe, supportive and inclusive learning environments in which students are ready and able to engage meaningfully with high-quality instruction.



What school resources are available?

For each of the 11 standards, MACS Care provides:

- A compliance toolkit with practical examples
- Factsheets and FAQs
- Scenario worksheets based on realistic, school-specific examples
- PowerPoint presentations for staff meetings/briefings
- A parent/carer newsletter template
- Posters for your staff and student areas
- A Discovery Zone with additional practical resources to support implementation

Need support or want to know more?

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