

# Child Safety Induction Pack

# Purpose

Thank you for your interest in working/volunteering at our school. The purpose of this induction pack is to ensure Shepparton East Primary School staff/volunteers are familiar with our policies and procedures relating to child safety and understand the important role they play in maintaining and promoting the safety of our students.

Staff/Volunteers must read the suite of policies and procedures in the links below before commencing any work where children are likely to be present.

# Key messages

- Shepparton East Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children. We want children attending our school to be safe, happy and respected.
- We are committed to creating inclusive environment where diversity is supported and students feel safe to bring their whole selves to school.
- Allegations and concerns relating to the safety and wellbeing of our school community will be treated very seriously and consistently with our policies and procedures.
- We are committed to preventing child abuse, identifying risks early and removing and reducing these risks.
- Everyone has a role to ensure children are safe if something doesn't feel right, speak up. If you have any concerns about any inappropriate behaviours in the school community you should speak to the principal Mr Les Walsh or assistant principal Mrs Stacey Willaton. If this would not be appropriate in the circumstances, you can contact the Regional Office of the Department of Education and Training on 1300 338 691.

# Induction materials - must read

This induction pack contains the following documents that all new staff/volunteers must read and familiarise themselves with. The policy documents can be accessed on our School website

<u>http://www.shepeastps.vic.edu.au/index.php/information-policies-and-forms/</u> Please click on the hyperlinks to access the PROTECT documents below. If you would prefer a hard copy of this pack, please contact the school office who will happily provide you with one.

- Shepparton East Primary School Volunteers Policy
- Shepparton East Primary School Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Shepparton East Primary School Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures
- Shepparton East Primary School Child Safety Code of Conduct
- <u>PROTECT: Four Critical Actions for Schools Responding to incidents, disclosures and suspicions of child abuse</u> <u>https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/childprotection/Pages/report.aspx</u>
- PROTECT: Identify child abuse https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/childprotection/Pages/identify.aspx

New staff will also be required to view the PROTECT training slides provided here.

# Contact

We value your feedback on ways we can continue to improve and strengthen our child safety approach and encourage you to contact Mr Les Walsh (Principal) with any comments or questions.