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## CHILD FRIENDLY CHILD SAFE POLICY

This policy details in a child friendly manner the responsibilities and the actions required of Perth Montessori staff and students to protect and safeguard children and young people.

### BOARD APPROVAL

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**Signed by Board Chair:**

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**Name of Board Chair:** Dr. Andrew Marsh

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## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. Perth Montessori is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children in our care, as well as identifying risks early and removing and reducing these risks.
- 1.2. We believe that children who attend our school should:
  - 1.2.1. feel comfortable,
  - 1.2.2. be cared for, and
  - 1.2.3. feel safe and be safe.

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## 2. POLICY

CHILD VERSION: Safeguarding Children and Young People at Perth Montessori.

- 2.1. Everyone who works at the Perth Montessori will do their best to make sure children are protected from any harm:
  - 2.1.1. It is not okay for anyone to hurt you or threaten to hurt you ,
  - 2.1.2. It is okay for you to say NO to an adult if they ask you to do something that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable,
  - 2.1.3. If you ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable, a Perth Montessori staff member will listen to you and act to help you,
  - 2.1.4. It is always okay to tell someone if you are not feeling comfortable or safe or if you have been hurt,
  - 2.1.5. If you are unhappy with how you are being treated, please tell a staff member or a parent, and
  - 2.1.6. Perth Montessori welcomes all children into our school. We know that being different is a good thing as this is what makes you unique.
- 2.2. **Rules for Staff**

We have rules for our staff (the people who work here) so that you are always safe at the Perth Montessori. Everyone who works at the Perth Montessori will:

  - 2.2.1. Look out for children to make sure they are safe and comfortable,
  - 2.2.2. Check that you have an adult or other supervisor looking after you at all times,
  - 2.2.3. Makes rules that are fair and that you can understand,
  - 2.2.4. Explain to you if you have broken a rule,
  - 2.2.5. Need to get the permission of your parents or guardians to take you on an excursion,
  - 2.2.6. Help you if you ask for help, and

- 2.2.7. Not give you a lift in their car unless there has been express permission given from your parent or guardian for an excursion or other activity.

### 2.3. Responsibilities of Children

Children also have responsibilities when they come to Perth Montessori. These are:

- 2.3.1. Treat other children and adults with respect,
- 2.3.2. Listen to others and respect their opinions,
- 2.3.3. Children can choose their own friends but are not to stop other children from enjoying and participating in school,
- 2.3.4. Don't tease or hurt other children, and
- 2.3.5. Let a staff person or parent know if you are unhappy with the way you are being treated.

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## 3. FLYER

- 3.1. See attached flyer – I don't feel safe
- 3.2. Note: This was adapted with thanks from the *YMCA Safeguarding Children Policy – Child Version*.



# I don't feel safe

What do I do?

- 1 Talk the adults in your life - your parents or teachers, or
- 2 Ask to speak with Tibbs, your Well Being Counsellor, or
- 3 Ask to speak with Ian, your Deputy Principal

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You have the right to feel safe every day!

**FYER NOTES:**

Ask to speak to parents,

Ask to speak to teacher,

Ask to speak to principal.