

Policy and Procedure Register updates – Summary of:

Norfolk Island Central School student protection procedure

1. Reason for new/updated policy or procedure		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change of policy/procedure requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Audit/review recommendation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change to legislation/delegations	<input type="checkbox"/> Due for review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
This new procedure has been developed to assist employees and visitors at Norfolk Island Central School (NICS) to understand their student protection obligations, following the transition of education service delivery on Norfolk Island to the Queensland Department of Education.		
2. Summary of changes		
NICS staff members have mandatory reporting requirements under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) as well as the Child Welfare Act 2009 (NI). In addition, the Queensland Department of Education requires all employees and visitors to NICS to respond appropriately to suspicions of harm or risk of harm to children.		
3. Impacts to roles and responsibilities		
Does the new/updated content change staff roles/responsibilities <i>in any way</i> ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If yes, select the type of change: (select all that apply)</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised responsibilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New/additional responsibilities <input type="checkbox"/> Removed responsibilities		
Position title	Summary of change	Page #
All employees and visitors	All employees and visitors to NICS have a responsibility to respond to any suspicion that a student has been harmed or is at risk of harm. Full responsibilities are outlined in the procedure.	1
School staff members	Are now mandatory reporters of sexual abuse under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld), in addition to existing mandatory reporting requirements under the Child Welfare Act 2009 (NI).	1
4. Communication and support for implementation		
Staff from Darling Downs South West region are working closely with NICS to ensure all staff are aware of their student protection responsibilities under this procedure.		
For further assistance, please contact:		
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