

Donnybrook Community Church

Statement Of Commitment To Child Safety

Approved by the Leadership Team, 5th August 2025

At Donnybrook Community Church (DCC), we believe that every person—child, young person, or adult—has the right to feel safe, valued, and respected. As followers of Jesus, we are committed to nurturing a safe and inclusive environment where all people can grow, belong, and flourish.

We are especially committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. We have zero tolerance for any form of abuse and actively work to prevent harm through clear policies, leadership accountability, and a culture of transparency and care.

We commit to:

- Creating and maintaining a child-safe culture across all DCC ministries and activities.
- Screening and training all staff and volunteers, including Working with Children Checks and Safe Church Awareness Training.
- Upholding clear Codes of Conduct for all leaders and ministry participants.
- Responding promptly and appropriately to concerns, disclosures, and allegations.
- Complying with our legal obligations, including mandatory reporting and the “failure to disclose” and “failure to protect” offences under Victorian law.
- Promoting the safety and full participation of children and vulnerable adults of all backgrounds, abilities, and circumstances.

We recognise that safeguarding is a shared responsibility. Every member of our church community has a role to play in creating a safe space for everyone.

If you have a concern or question about safety at DCC, please contact:

Safe Church Coordinator:

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In case of emergency: Call 000