



## Child Safety Statement

Omiros College is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Omiros College has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Omiros College is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in Omiros College has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

In its planning, decision-making and operations Omiros College will

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development;
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues;

## **Child Safe Environment**

Omiros College is committed to ensuring that all aspects of children's safety are protected in our learning settings and must comply with mandatory reporting regulations. Our educators and families visiting the centre are required to be aware of all gates and doors as they enter and exit the premises, and to be conscious of children's safety when using the car park and driveway entries and exits.

Each campus of the community language school must meet the requirements for 'suitable premises' including:

- premises, furniture and equipment are safe, clean and in good condition with adequate lighting
- premises, furniture and equipment are appropriate for the age of the student cohort
- students have access to a recreational space
- students have access to appropriate, adequate and convenient toilet facilities
- premise includes safe drop off and pick-up access
- where the facilities are shared with other occupants, classes are conducted in separate, dedicated spaces.