

## CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

### Child Protection – Students

Every student has the right to feel safe and free from harm while at Suncoast Christian College. We expect you to respect your teachers and other students and we expect that you will receive the same respect in return. You should never allow yourself to feel unsafe without reporting it to someone you trust.

### Who should I tell if I am not feeling safe at school or at home?

Anyone, a child protection officer, or any teacher who will speak to the child protection officer on your behalf. If you do not feel like talking to a member of staff you may like to write a letter.

### What will happen if I report what is happening to a member of staff?

If the concern is worrying you but not causing you immediate harm, then the member of staff will discuss with you ways to solve your problem. If the concern is serious and the member of staff believes that you are being harmed or in danger of being harmed, he or she will report it to the Life Coach or the Principal.

### What if I don't want the member of staff to tell the Principal?

The member of staff will try to keep your concerns confidential as much as possible. However, if the member of staff is aware or reasonably suspects that harm has been caused by anyone to a student of the College then the law says that the matter must be reported to the Life Coach or the Principal and it may have to be reported to the Police. If the staff member has no choice about reporting what you have told them to someone else he or she will explain to you exactly what will happen next.

***Remember the most important thing is that you feel safe and free from harm. You must tell someone if you are being harmed or afraid that you will be harmed.***

The College has staff members for you to speak to who have been appointed to be Child Protection Officers. They are Mrs Lynn Camilleri in the Primary School, Mrs Frances McLaren and Mr David Ensinger in the Secondary School.



**Mrs Lynn Camilleri**



**Mrs Frances McLaren**



**Mr David Ensinger**