



ST MARY'S SCHOOL
Ararat

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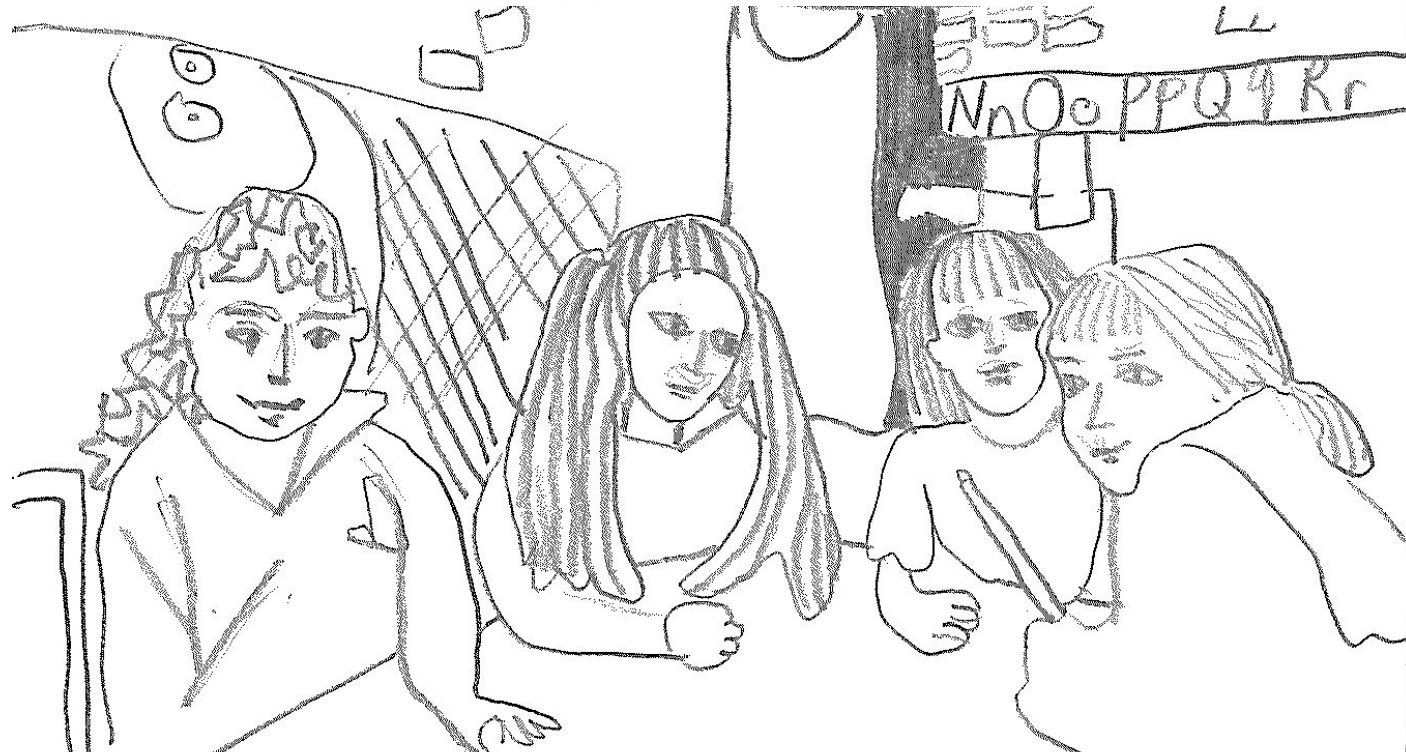


Child Safety Policy

Student Version

Child Safety

- Everyone has the right to feel safe and be protected from unsafe behaviours.
- No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including
 - *anyone in your family,*
 - *anyone in your school or*
 - *anyone in the community.*



Child Safety at St Mary's, Ararat

- Everyone at St Mary's will work to keep all children safe.
- Our community has many ways to keep us safe from harm.
 - *You can talk to a trusted adult on staff*
 - *Our staff are trained to help*



School Commitment

- Because everyone has the right to feel safe and be protected from unsafe behaviours we will not tolerate...
 - *people who put others in danger or make others feel insecure*
 - *people who break school rules*
 - *People who bully*



School Risk Management

- At St Mary's you have the right to feel safe and be protected from unsafe behaviours.
 - *We can all be on the lookout for things that might be unsafe*
 - *We should tell an adult if we see a risk*
 - *The school will try to protect you from a threat*



School Code of Conduct

- To make sure you feel safe and are protected from unsafe behaviours St Mary's has a **Code of Conduct**.
 - *This outlines the behaviours that school staff, volunteers and workers need to show.*
 - *You can find this code on the school website or at the office.*



School Employment

- At St Mary's staff must be suitable to work with children. All staff are checked before and (teachers, during...) employment to find out...
 - *If they have a criminal record*
 - *What their last job was*
 - *That they have a Working with Children check*
 - *Read and sign the school's Child Safety Code of Conduct*
 - *Make sure they are nice to children*
 - *Make sure they follow the rules*
 - *Give them a trial to see if they are a good fit for St Mary's*
 - *Once they have been at St Mary's for a while they will get more information about training and Child Safety*



Student Empowerment

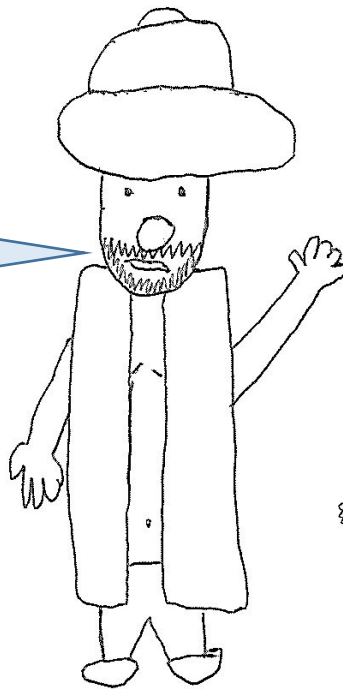
- Everyone has the right to feel safe and be protected from unsafe behaviours.
 - *Classroom activities help us understand our rights*
 - *Posters around the school give us information about what to do if we feel unsafe.*
 - *You can speak up if you feel unsafe – Safe people might be...*
 - *Peer mediators*
 - *Staff members*
 - *Your parents*



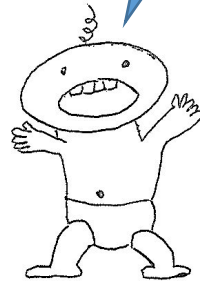
We are all different!

Even if you are different to other people in some way, you still have the right to feel safe and be protected from unsafe behaviours.

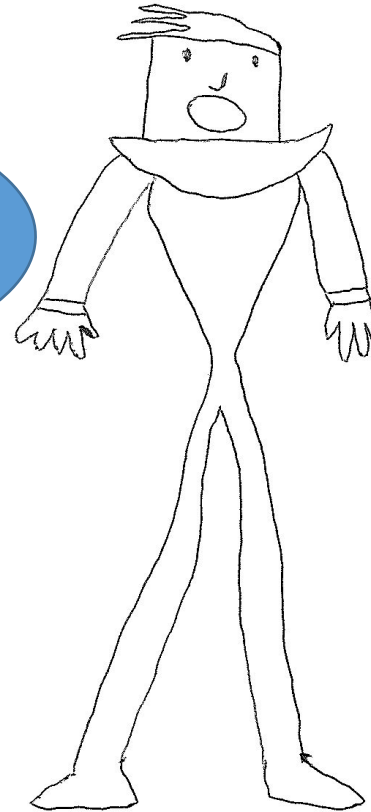
People who come from another country



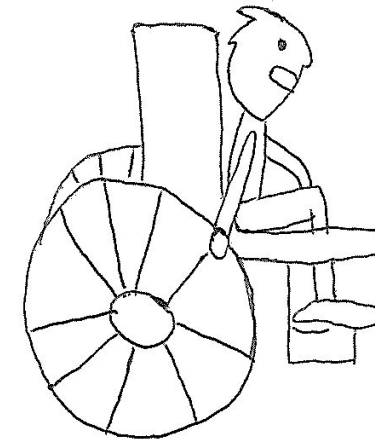
People who are younger or older than you



People who are different shapes and sizes



People who have different abilities



People who have different beliefs to me.

