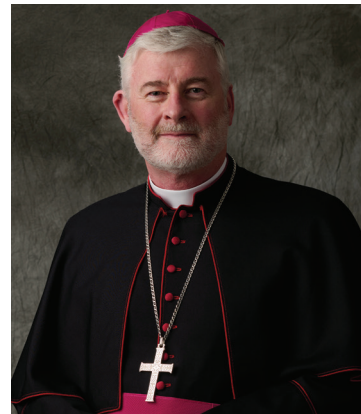


"The safety, dignity, and wellbeing of every child and vulnerable adult entrusted to our care is our highest pastoral responsibility. We are committed to creating a Church community that is safe, nurturing, and compassionate, where every person is respected, heard, and protected."

*Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay
Archbishop of Brisbane*



Safeguarding Charter

Our Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse. We are committed to safeguarding all who participate in the life of the Church, especially children and adults-at-risk.

The safety, dignity and wellbeing of every person is paramount. We seek to ensure that all people are welcomed, respected and protected in our parishes, communities, ministries, services and agencies.

Our Culture of Safeguarding

We are also committed to fostering a culture in which safeguarding is integral to our identity and mission.

In our parishes, communities, ministries, services and agencies, safeguarding is lived each day as an expression of the Gospel, grounded in respect, justice, and care for one another. It is a shared responsibility entrusted to all who serve within the Archdiocese.

We recognise that a strong safeguarding culture is sustained through listening, vigilance, formation and continual improvement. We especially seek to listen to the voices of those who are vulnerable, and to respond with humility and care.

All who serve within the Archdiocese are called to model appropriate behaviour, maintain clear pastoral and professional boundaries, and actively contribute to creating safer environments, including online, where concerns are raised safely, heard respectfully, and responded to promptly, fairly and compassionately.

Our Safeguarding Framework

Our safeguarding practices are guided by both our moral responsibility and our legal obligations.

We are committed to implementing and upholding all relevant safeguarding standards and laws, including the Queensland Child Safe Standards, the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, and applicable reporting obligations.

This framework supports a proactive, preventative and transparent approach to safeguarding, ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of those in our care remain our highest priority and that concerns are addressed effectively.

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