



Introducing our Child Safety Officers

St. Peter's College has appointed the people listed below as the St. Peter's College **Child Safety Officers**. Each Child Safety Officer is available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Child Protection and Safety Policy and the Child Protection Program. This program includes the policies : *Child Safe Staff Code of Conduct Policy; Mandatory Reporting Policy; Critical Incident Policy; Bullying & Harassment Policy; Drugs and the School Safety Policy; Student Behaviour Management and Serious Offences Policy and Students at Risk Policy.*

It is every individual's responsibility to protect children and make reports regarding their concerns to the appropriate authorities.

If a person requires support in reporting to the authorities, the St. Peter's College Child Safety Officers are your first point of contact. They receive special training that allows them to deal with child protection concerns both sensitively and effectively.

'Child Abuse' includes:

- sexual offences
- grooming
- physical violence
- serious emotional or psychological harm
- serious neglect and
- family violence, or exposure to family violence

If you have any concern that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed a belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you can discuss your concerns with the St. Peter's College Child Safety Officers. Please note that only raising concerns with the St. Peter's College Child Safety Officers, does not meet your legal obligations to report suspected child abuse. The Child Safety Officer's role is to:

- ensure we are a best practice organisation on all aspects of child safety
- ensure that we meet the Child Safety Standards
- provide a single contact person for children; parents and staff to seek advice and support regarding the wellbeing of children.

Name	Title	E-Mail
Clare Ziino	Counsellor (East Campus)	cziiino@stpeters.vic.edu.au
Anita Carter	Student Wellbeing Leader (West Campus)	aca@stpeters.vic.edu.au

The welfare and best interests of the child are paramount. Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 000.