



## St Patrick's, Church Hill Safeguarding Policy

For more than 170 years St Patrick's has been a spiritual oasis in Sydney. There is a marvelous tradition of mercy and reconciliation here. We will do everything possible to ensure that tradition continues to grow.

### **How are we creating safe environments at St Patrick's?**

- All the priests who minister in St Patrick's Parish have completed the Level One and Level Two Safeguarding Seminars run by the SMIO
- All other employees at St Patrick's Parish have completed the Level One Safeguarding Seminar run by the SMIO
- We have a Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) – Ms Tereza Seric. Ms Seric is a qualified journalist and solicitor, she works in family law and child protection. If you wish to contact Ms Seric please do so via the Parish Office.
- We are in the process of getting our volunteers to complete the Safeguarding Induction/Awareness Seminar run by our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer.
- The priests, employees and volunteers at St Patrick's have a current Working With Children Check verified by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.
- All the priests, employees and volunteers at St Patrick's have signed a Code of Conduct When Working With Children and Young People.
- More panels of frosted glass have been added to the doors and walls of the Reconciliation Room. This strikes a reasonable balance between transparency and privacy.

For further information or If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the Parish Priest or any member of the St Patrick's Pastoral Team – T 02 9254 3431 E [office@stpatschurchhill.org](mailto:office@stpatschurchhill.org) or [parishpriest@stpatschurchhill.org](mailto:parishpriest@stpatschurchhill.org)

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