## Marian College Ararat Catholic Schools Child Safe Schools



## Our Child Protection Officers - Make a Report

Marian College has appointed Ms Stephanie Saravanja (Head of Wellbeing), Mrs Mary Lou Boatman (Head of Clancy) and Ms Emma Dawes (School Counsellor) as the College's Child Protection Officers.

Each Child Protection 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.

The College's Child Protection Officers are your <u>first point of contact</u> for reporting child protection issues within the College. 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.

## How to seek help:

- fill out an 'urgent' well-being request on Simon homepage
- send an email directly to a Child Protection Officer
- Speak to a Child Protection Officer at any time.

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 should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Child Protection Officers.

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.









