



Child Safety & Wellbeing Policy

Student Friendly



Purpose

At Huntingtower, our schools main focus is to keep students safe. We have set up rules to make sure all students are protected from harm. This applies to everyone in the School including teachers, staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors.

Commitment

Every staff member at Huntingtower is dedicated to prioritising the wellbeing of the students. Their goal is to create a safe and comfortable environment where students can enjoy their time without worries about safety. We place a particular emphasis on providing support to students who might need extra help, such as Indigenous and International students, those from diverse cultural backgrounds, students with disabilities, individuals in the LGBTQIA+ community, and other students who might be vulnerable.



Diversity and equity

Huntingtower makes sure to welcome and show respect to students from all different backgrounds. We offer support to those who need it and look out for students who might need extra help. We also pay attention to what students think by asking for their opinions through surveys and discussions. This helps us to make choices about things like school rules, class activities, uniforms, and opportunities to be leaders.

A Culturally Safe Place

Huntingtower values and honours the unique stories, cultures, and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We are also here to help students who come from other countries and join their school. The school is committed to making sure everyone feels safe and respected in terms of their culture, and they don't tolerate any racism in the school. Our goal is for all students to have a good experience in a friendly and helpful environment.



Student Empowerment

Huntingtower is committed to making students understand their rights, feel secure, and know they can talk about their thoughts and feelings. Making friends is important for safety and feeling like you belong. The staff at the school encourage students to share their feelings and speak up about important stuff. They also have conversations with students and ask for their thoughts on planning, providing services, the school buildings, and how they learn.

Our staff & volunteers

Huntingtower hires and teaches the staff who work here, as well as the volunteers, to make sure students are safe. They do a check on their background before letting them work at Huntingtower, and everyone who works with students must have the right approval. These staff and volunteers also learn how to recognise signs of trouble, how to assist if a student talks about getting hurt, how to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere, and how to handle situations where students are not being treated with kindness.

Safe physical & online environments

Our main goal is to ensure that students are both safe and happy, whether they're at school or on the internet. We respect how students learn and their privacy. The school has guidelines for behaving well both online and offline. We also educate students about staying safe on the internet and work to maintain a secure and friendly environment.

Complaints

If students, parents, or anyone in the community have a problem we encourage them to let us know. We are committed to addressing concerns fairly and quickly in order to maintain the safety of our students.

If a student faces an issue, they can easily access our Complaints Policy on our website.

The full version of the Child Safe policy is available on the School website.

Regular review

Huntingtower updates its policies and guidelines regularly to make them better for our students.

We care about what students and families think. When issues arise, we discuss them during staff meetings to work together on finding solutions for improvement.

