

# **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE and VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY**

**Definition:** Presentation Sisters Queensland (PSQ)'s compliance with standards for Professional Standards with reference to Church documents, *Integrity in Ministry* (1999) and *Integrity in the Service of the Church* (2011)

**Rationale:** Presentation Sisters Queensland is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and to providing a safe environment which respects and acknowledge the inherent dignity of each human being.

**Values:** Presentation Sisters Queensland values the dignity of and respect for all and a standard of best practice in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

**Policy Statement:** Presentation Sisters Queensland's care of and protection for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Guidelines:**

**As children, young people and vulnerable adults have a fundamental right to be respected, nurtured and safeguarded PSQ-**

- Has a nominated Safeguarding Officer who complies with expectations of Catholic Religious Australia (CRA).
- Demonstrates that the right of protection from harm for all people is paramount.
- Safeguards children, young people and vulnerable adults
- Fosters best practice.
- Demonstrates accountability through establishing effective structures and practices
- Upholds safe recruitment and selection practices for PSQ personnel
- Upholds and maintains standards of conduct which set out clear guidelines regarding ethical behaviour as an essential part of reducing the risk of harm for all people]
- Operates safe environments.

**For a more detailed Policy refer to the Policy Statement as required by CRA.**