

**Presentation Sisters Wagga Wagga  
SAFEGUARDING (November 2022)**

**Safeguarding Commitment Statement**

**The Presentation Sisters of Australia and Papua New Guinea are committed to the following principles:**

- \*At all times the safety, well-being and protection from any form of harm or abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults are paramount.
- \*All Sisters and other Presentation Sisters' employees and volunteers have a duty of care to support and protect children, youth and vulnerable adults.
- \*Our recruitment, employment and supervision processes are to be of high quality in order to select and engage suitable people to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults.
- \*Education and training in recognising abuse, responding to disclosure and reporting an allegation is provided for all engaged in working with children, youth and vulnerable adults, either directly or indirectly.
- \*If there is suspicion that a child, youth or vulnerable adult is subject to some form of harm or abuse there will be immediate intervention ensuring the person is protected and supported.
- \*A prompt, compassionate and just response is made on receiving any complaint or notification of harm or abuse (current or historic).
- \*Care is offered to the family of the child or person who may have suffered harm.
- \*Persons involved in an allegation of abuse will be treated with justice and compassion and have appropriate confidentiality maintained.

***Anne Lane PBVM***

***President, Presentation Society of Australia and Papua New Guinea with the  
Plenary Council of Congregation Leaders***

**Safeguarding Policy---Revised December 2021**

Appendices 4,6 and 7:

Responding to an Allegation of Abuse

Responding to and Reporting of Disclosures

Investigation of Alleged Incidents of Misconduct

**Code of Conduct---June 2021**

**Contact Details:** If you have a concern about the safety of a child or adult-at-risk or the misconduct of a Presentation Sister, employee or volunteer, please contact:

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**National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse:**

Presentation Sisters Wagga Wagga joined the Commonwealth Government's National Redress Scheme in 2020. Information about this scheme and the application process can be found:

- \* Website: [www.nationalredress.gov.au](http://www.nationalredress.gov.au)
- \*Telephone: 1800 737 377
- \*Applying to the Scheme: National Redress Scheme