



**DAVEY'S BAY YACHT CLUB
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Commodore: Peter Manger

**STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO THE CHILD SAFE STANDARDS
EMBODIED IN THE CHILD WELLBEING & SAFETY ACT (2005)**

1. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHILD WELLBEING & SAFETY ACT (2005)

Davey's Bay Yacht Club is committed to being a child safe organisation. This means Davey's Bay Yacht Club (DBYC) abides by the child Safe Standards embodied in the guidelines provided by the Commission for Children and Young people in Victoria. The DBYC committee deems this statement be applicable to its members, their guests and any coaches or instructors engaged by the club.

The Davey's Bay Yacht Club Committee has undertaken a Child Safety Review using a checklist adapted from the commissions guideline to establish child safety measures and identify areas for improvement. As a result of the review the business has adopted the policies and procedures set out in the statement under the leadership of the Commodore.

2. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

At DBYC, our commitment to child safety is about more than understanding what is required by compliance with the Act. DBYC appreciates that schools, parents and guardians entrust DBYC with the safety of their children. We cherish this position of trust, which is why we have a zero tolerance for any form of child abuse or discrimination.

DBYC takes deliberate steps to protect children from physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and cultural abuse, and neglect. Our Members understand the need to protect the safety of children and have particular regard to the safety of children from cultural or linguistically diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children with a disability.

Adherence to the Child Safe Standards and processes at DBYC will be reviewed regularly.



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3. CODE OF CONDUCT

DBYC, its coaches, instructors, members and their guests will ensure that all interactions with children will meet the highest ethical behavioural standards, and be visible and transparent at all times including:

- not exchanging personal contact details, such as phone numbers, social networking sites or email addresses, with children.
- not communicating with children online
- not developing "special" relationships with specific children
- not showing favouritism through the provision of gifts or inappropriate attention
- respecting the privacy of children and their families, and only disclosing information or concerns to the DBYC Committee, School Principal (where applicable), or Police.

4. ACCREDITATION, SUPERVISION AND TRAINING

Davey's Bay Yacht Club ensures that all coaches and instructors engaged by the club hold and maintain current working with children checks.

Details from the 'Guide for Creating a Child Safe Organisation 2015' and the mandatory legislative reporting requirements are maintained in the Davey's Bay Yacht Club Committee Room.

5. ACT & PROTECT

Under the child Wellbeing and Safety Act, DBYC members, their guests and coaches/instructors engaged by the club must respond to and report suspected child abuse. They will act where they have concerns for a child's wellbeing:

- In the first instance, they will report concerns about children's wellbeing, including from their interaction with each other, to the Committee Member present or the Club Child Protection Officer. They will record the reason and report the information promptly and confidentially. The DBYC Committee Member or Club Child Protection Officer will report the concerns to the relevant person. For school services, this is the Principal.
- Incidents that warrant police attention will be reported immediately to the police. They will also advise the DBYC Committee Member or Club Child Protection Officer (and if the incident occurs within an official school-arranged activity, the Principal of the relevant school)
- All cases where a child discloses abuse, this must be recorded using the child's words and be reported by the DBYC Committee Member or Club Child Protection Officer to the police.

6. IDENTIFICATION AND ELIMINATION

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DBYC maintains a record of child safety risks within its Risk Management Plan, these risks and appropriate resolutions are documented in the DBYC risk register, which is reviewed annually and on an ad-hoc basis in response to any changes.

As outlined in Section 4 DBYC checks the validity of WWCC cards on an annual basis.

7. PARTICIPATION & EMPOWERMENT

DBYC supports strategies that promote the participation and empowerment of children. We trust that all schools will continue to encourage children to tell their teacher, their Principal or their driver of any concerns about safety or behaviour on school-arranged transport. DBYC relies upon the continued support of schools, parents and guardians to ensure that all children have regard for safety on transport and respect their fellow passengers.

8. CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

The current DBYC Child Protection Officers are Sue Thompson & Ed Brewis. If you have any questions regarding Child Protection they should be contacted in the first instance or alternatively contact any member of the DBYC Committee.