



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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### *Bishop's Office*



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I wish to commend this document which outlines our Diocesan Child Protection Policy. It is of vital importance that the requirements of the document be understood and implemented, by all who have the care of children and young people.

The document follows on legislation of the Queensland Government which sets out to protect our children. Yet, before any legislation is the sacred trust that descends upon all of us – parents, teachers and all members of every community to recognise, to respect and to protect the dignity of every child.

I am confident that you will find this document comprehensive and supportive as it sets out Policy, Code of Conduct and Implementation Procedures. I am deeply grateful to Father John Grace, Mrs Margaret Tucker, Mrs Stefanie Lloyd and Ms Carole Gan who have contributed immensely through their time and expertise to the completion of the document.

I ask all to become familiar with this document and implement it fully in discharging our God given call to safeguard and protect our children and our young people.

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**Bishop of Rockhampton**