Child Protection

Policy Scope
This policy is for the management of ACC Southlands Ltd. The Principal or their delegate is responsible for the implementation of the policy and any procedures.

Policy
Everyone working at ACC Southlands is responsible for the care and protection of the children and reporting information about child concerns such as physical, sexual and emotional abuse. The college will act in the best interests of the child.

For beliefs formed on reasonable grounds of child sexual abuse, the principal and all teacher staff are designated as mandatory reporters. Non-teaching staff who have a belief based on reasonable grounds are to report the belief to the principal.

Please refer to the separate policy on mandatory reporting in the event that a mandatory reporting is required to submit a written report.

Allegations of Child Protection Concerns
i. All child protection concerns relating to physical abuse, psychological, emotional abuse or neglect must be reported to the Principal.
ii. The Principal is to submit a report to the Department of Child Services.
iii. The Principal is to report child protection concerns that may involve criminal behaviour to the WA Police.
iv. The principal is to notify the school board that a written report has been made.

Refer to Appendix 1 - Flowchart

Policy Review
On change of legislation or at the discretion of the School Board of ACC Southlands Ltd.

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3.0
Appendix 1 - Flowchart

ALLEGATION OF CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS FLOWCHART

Does a staff member have a belief based on reasonable grounds that a student is at risk of a child protection concern?

NO

The staff member must submit a written report to the Principal.

YES

The staff member must submit a written report to the Principal.

The Principal must send a report to the Department of Child Services & the WA Policy if there is a risk of criminal activity.

The Principal must file the report in a secure location separate from the student’s personal file.