



BELLARINE SHARKS A.F.C.

CHILD SAFETY STATEMENT

Bellarine Sharks A.F.C. is committed to child safety.

- a) Our Club wants children to be safe, happy, and empowered.
- b) Our Club supports and respects all children, as well as our committee, coaches, and volunteers.
- c) Our Club is committed to the safety, participation, and empowerment of all children.
- d) Our Club has zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently, complying with our policies and procedures.
- e) Our Club has legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety. These obligations will be followed rigorously.
- f) Our Club is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early and removing and reducing these risks.
- g) Our Club has proven human resources and recruitment practices for all coaches and volunteers.
- h) Our Club is committed to regularly training and educating our committee, coaches, and volunteers on child abuse risks.
- i) Our Club is committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to provide a safe environment for children with a disability.
- j) Our Club has specific policies, procedures, and training in place to support our leadership team, coaches, and volunteers to achieve these commitments.