

# Child Protection in our Diocese and Parish

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and our Parish have an absolute and abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of all children.

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*We pride ourselves in being a welcoming community to children and their families. It is a wonderful blessing to have the children present with us as we worship.*

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This commitment is particularly to those children who participate in the life of the diocese as part of our faith communities in parishes, young people in our diocesan systemic schools or as part of our community services through CatholicCare.

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The agency known as The Office of Safeguarding (formerly Zimmerman Services) provides child protection services for all of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

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The Office of Safeguarding is the  
'Responsible Authority' for  
reporting breaches of the  
Catholic Church's documents  
Towards Healing, Integrity in  
Ministry and Integrity in the  
Service of the Church.

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The Office of Safeguarding and the  
Diocesan Safeguarding  
Promotional materials can be  
accessed through the links noted in  
the Bulletin or through our parish  
website

[www.boolarocatholicchurch.com](http://www.boolarocatholicchurch.com)

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Pamphlets are available in the foyer as is the Safeguarding Commitment Statement for Parishes. The Convention on the Rights of the Child can be accessed at the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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See also the website of the  
UNICEF 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Convention on the rights of the  
Child.



## Child Protection in our Diocese and Parish

As with all peoples, children have human rights across the full spectrum of civil cultural, economic, political and social rights.

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Because children are recognized as having particular inherent needs and dependencies, they also have particular rights.

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Our Parishes of  
Boolaroo/Wariners Bay and  
Booragul support the particular  
rights and protections afforded  
children under the Convention  
on the Rights of the Child.

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*We accept and acknowledge that children have not only the right to a safe environment but also to be heard, appreciated and respected, especially in regard to those areas which affect them.*

## Protection of all individuals in our Diocese and Parish

Policies and protocols are in place in regard to attempting to ensure the safety of children, all staff, volunteers and parishioners. All of us are required to abide by these protocols as noted on the noticeboards.