CHILD SAFETY STUDENT FACT SHEET

King's College is committed to providing a caring, safe and accepting environment for students. All children have a right to feel safe and to be safe. King's College is committed to child safety. We have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Background
All adults have a responsibility to care for children and to protect them from any kind of harm, abuse or neglect.

The College is responsible to provide a safe environment for children and young people and to provide an education which meets all of your different needs.

We are entrusted by your parents / guardians with your care. You are precious in the sight of God.

Types of Child Abuse Child abuse can have a significant effect on your physical or emotional health, development and wellbeing. The younger you are the more vulnerable you are and the more serious the consequences are likely to be.

Types of child abuse include:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Grooming
- Neglect
- Emotional abuse or Physiological harm
- Family Violence

WHO CAN I TALK TO?
If you are worried about your safety and especially if you think someone is being harmed in any way, there are people you can talk to. It's a good idea to talk to an adult you trust about any concerns you have. That person might be a parent or relative, a teacher, wellbeing coordinator or someone else who works at school. You may want to talk to more than one person about your concerns.

IF YOU ARE AWARE OF ANY HARM BEING DONE TO A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. HERE ARE SOME STEPS YOU CAN TAKE:

- Speak to the Principal, the Head of School, one of our Wellbeing Coordinators, teacher or another staff member at school as soon as possible. Tell them about what you saw and your concerns.
- You may wish to write down what you saw and give the information to the person you speak to.

WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?
There are services that you can contact to access more information, and in some cases, to speak to somebody about your concerns.

National Child Abuse Helpline (Child Wise)
Phone: 1800 991 099
This is a toll-free number with access to expert advice from trained counsellors and an opportunity to speak up about child abuse.

Kids Helpline
Phone: 1800 551 800
For any time and for any reason – free, private and confidential phone and online counselling 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Headspace (National Youth Mental Health Foundation)
Phone: 1800 650 890
Headspace can help if you are aged 12 or over and you are going through a tough time. You can talk to someone at Headspace on the phone, online or in person.
They are online at: headspace.org.au

Call the police on 000 if you have immediate concerns for a child's safety.
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