

Child Safety Policy (MPF1337)

Call for Feedback from Employees



Key information about this consultation

- Open to all University of Melbourne employees and students.
- The revised Child Safety Policy, incorporating a new Child Safety Code of Conduct, is available for feedback.
- The consultation is open from Friday 27 March to Friday 17 April 2026.
- All feedback can be provided by email to office-provost@unimelb.edu.au

Summary of key changes by document

Child Safety Policy (MPF1337) – Revised

- Update policy references to the amended Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Policy ([MPF1359](#))
- Incorporate a new Child Safety Code of Conduct to set out individuals' child safety responsibilities, expected behaviours (protect children, respect, supervision, reporting) and prohibited behaviours ignoring concerns, inappropriate contact, boundary breaches) under the Policy and to align more strongly with the Child Safety Standards.
- Add a new operational requirement for Child Safety Risk Assessments to be undertaken before any activity involving children (on-campus, online, off-site, third-party activities), including the engagement of volunteers.
- Remove reference to 'alumni' in the policy scope.
- Align the provisions for parental consent for research participants aged under 18 to the updated Human Research Ethics and Safeguard Policy ([MPF1385](#)). Allows waiver of parental consent for under-18 research participants, only with the approval must of the Human Research Ethics Committee.
- Include an explicit statement that breaches may lead to disciplinary action or termination.

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