POLICY TITLE: Child Protection Policy

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1. **Introduction**

Under legislation, duty of care obligations, and the Faith basis of *Montessori International College*, the College is committed to providing a safe environment to all Students and to upholding their best interests and wellbeing.

The processes detailed in this Policy are designed to facilitate these commitments and are compliant with Regulation 10 of the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2011, as amended in 2014.

2. **Definitions**

*Child* means a person up to the age of 18 years of age.

*Student* means any person regardless of age who is enrolled at the School.

*Confidentiality* It is important when handling complaints information that the confidentiality of all parties concerned is respected. Information will be regarded as confidential if:

i. the information has the ‘necessary quality of confidence’ in that any unauthorised use would be detrimental to a party and that:

ii. It was shared or confided under circumstances where there was a special need for trust, eg between the harassment officer and the complainant, or between the Principal and the alleged offender.

iii. Information will be shared only if it is necessary to comply with the requirements of this Policy (designated persons) or as required by law.

*Designated persons* are persons designated to perform the specific duties, often in the absence or unavailability of senior staff.

*Staff* includes all staff, without exception, whether paid or volunteers, eg those involved in teaching or administration, bus drivers, cleaners, groundsmen, sporting coaches, sporting referees, teacher assistants, and volunteers working in any capacity for the College.

*Harm* (section 9 of the *Child Protection Act 1999* as amended in 2014) caused to a Student under 18 years: is any detrimental effect of a significant nature on a Student’s physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing. It is immaterial how the harm is caused. The harm can be caused by physical, psychological or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse or exploitation.

*Teacher* is a person employed in the capacity of a registered teacher at the College, and includes full time, part time, casual and re-appointments.
**Sexual Abuse** *(General Provisions Act, 2006)* in relation to a relevant person includes sexual behaviour involving the relevant person and another person in the following circumstances:

(a) the other person bribes, coerces, exploits, threatens or is violent toward the relevant person;

(b) the relevant person has less power than the other person;

(c) there is a significant disparity between the relevant person and the other person in intellectual capacity or maturity.

**Reportable Suspicion** *(Child Protection Act, 1999)* is one where a teacher (extended under the Policy to all staff):

(a) has a reasonable suspicion that a Student has suffered, is suffering, or is at an unacceptable risk of suffering significant harm caused by physical or sexual abuse; and

(b) may not have a parent able and willing to protect the Student from harm.

**Inappropriate Behaviour by a Staff Member towards a Student:**

**Inappropriate Behaviour** is NOT defined by law.

It includes Inappropriate Behaviour by a Staff Member towards a Student that is unwelcome or familiar behaviour that causes a Student to feel uncomfortable or which breaches the trust implicit in an adult-student relationship. All behaviours must comply with accepted societal values, professional and contractual obligations, current legislation and/or legal precedent. Behaviour which would be regarded by a reasonable person to be inappropriate between an adult and a Child will be responded to as such even if the Child does not reject it or indicate it is unwelcome.

NB. Many of these behaviours fall under the criminal offence of “grooming” or “maintaining a relationship with a Child”.

**Neglect** – The term *neglect* in this Policy may be defined as any act or omission whereby the Child is not cared for in the reasonable opinion of the School. According to the Department of Communities, neglect occurs when a Child’s basic necessities of life are not met, and their health and development are affected. Basic needs include:

- Food
- Housing
- Health care
- Adequate clothing
- Personal hygiene
- Hygienic living conditions
- Timely provision of medical treatment
- Adequate supervision
**Relevant person** means the Director mentioned in 365(1)(a) to (c), 365A(1)(a) to (c), 366(1)(a) to (c), or 366A(1)(a) to (c) of the General Provisions Act 2006.

**Natural Justice** – The principle of natural justice will apply to processes and decisions under this Policy.

The principles of *Natural Justice* are that:

- A person alleged to have behaved improperly
  - has a right to particulars of what has been allegedly done;
  - has the right to respond to the allegations;
  - has a right to be heard in an unbiased forum.

**Notifier** is a person who brings notice of a Student Protection matter to the attention of the College.

**Student Protection Contact Officers** – refers to (at least 2) named and published Staff Members (as required under the Accreditation Act 2001) to whom Students may refer complaints.

**Designated Board Director** is the Director appointed unanimously by the Board to receive and report sexual abuse matters regarding Students.

**Independent Protection Advisor** – may be appointed by the College, and is independent of the College, but available for assessment of complaints.

**Vexatious Complaint** – a vexatious complaint is a complaint which has no substance and which may be brought with ill intent. Vexatious complaints may have serious consequences under the College Policy and legislation.

**Unacceptable Risk** – if the report of alleged Inappropriate Behaviour/harm is of such concern that in the reasonable view of the Principal (with consultation) the person implicated would be a danger – that person can be stood down or suspended in the interim.

**Incident** – any activity or set of circumstances of Inappropriate Behaviour, sexual abuse, or suspected sexual abuse, or where harm has occurred or is reasonably suspected.

**Unprofessional Conduct** is any behaviour which, by its nature, is inappropriate, unwise and has potentially damaging consequences.

**Relevant State Authority** is defined as the Police or Department of Communities Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCS DS)
3. **The Law**

The College obligations in relation to this Policy are covered by the following:

*Education (General Provisions Act) 2006*

*Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2001 as amended in 2014*

*Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*

*Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005*

*Education & Training Amendment Act 2011*

*Work Health & Safety Act 2011*

*Child Protection Act, 1999 as amended in 2014*

4. **Principles**

This Policy is founded on the following principles:

(a) Every Child has a right to protection from harm.

(b) The welfare and best interests of the Child are paramount.

(c) Families have the primary responsibility for the upbringing, protection and development of their Children.

(d) Under the Contract of Enrolment the College and Parents will work together in the best interests of the Child.

(e) All actions taken by the College will be in the best interests of the Child and will include the reporting of any suspected criminal behaviours regardless of family issues.

(f) As part of its pastoral care commitments, the College will provide appropriate support to the Child and family where harm is alleged to have taken place.

(g) The College will screen new staff / volunteers in relation to their suitability to work with Children. [Suitability card & teacher registration will ensure compliance.]

(h) The College will not tolerate behaviours which breach the law and this Policy. Such behaviours will result in penalties being imposed by the College.

(i) The College will provide pastoral care to alleged offenders if they are Students or employees of the College.

(j) The confidentiality of all parties will be respected.
5. **Scope**

This Policy and procedures set out the requirements under Regulation 10 to provide processes which address the protection of Students. It applies to all complaints of sexual and physical abuse, to other types of harm and to Inappropriate Behaviour. It applies to all Staff and Students at the College.

6. **Policy Statement**

a) The College will comply with the mandatory reporting requirements under law.

b) The College has Processes in place allowing it to respond to issues of Student Protection promptly and consistently.

c) The College will work in partnership with the State authorities.

d) The College will work as appropriate with Family and Child Connect Services.

e) The College will work in partnership with parents as part of the Contractual Relationship established by the Enrolment Contract.

f) The College will provide appropriate pastoral support for Students and families.

g) Penalties for breach of this Policy will attract College-imposed penalties additional to any imposed at law.

7. **Responsibilities**

a) **College Board**

The College Board:

- will discharge their duties in accordance with Regulation 10(6)(a-d);
- will receive regular reports from the Principal at Board Meetings;
- will ensure the College Formal Complaints Policy covers Child Protection complaints;
- will appoint a Designated Director to receive and report (to external authorities) any allegations relating to sexual abuse, including likely sexual abuse.

b) **Principal**

The Principal:

(a) will promote and arrange for in-service training for Staff in legal compliance with Child Protection legislation and matters contained in this Policy;
(b) will appoint Student Protection Officers for the Primary, Middle and Senior Schools;

(c) will implement procedures for screening of all persons involved in the College;

(d) in cases of sexual abuse, or a Reportable Suspicion, will mandatorily report such alleged offences to the relevant State authorities in accordance with mandatory requirements;

(e) will consult with the College Leadership (comprising the Heads of Schools and Student Protection Contact Officers) as appropriate;

(f) In all matters of sexual abuse allegations, advise the Designated Board Director, under S.366 A (Amendment Act) 2011;

(g) will investigate reports of Inappropriate Behaviour internally and according to the principles of Natural Justice;

(h) will respond to concerns raised about psychological or emotional harm, neglect and exploitation including as appropriate by investigation and referral to Family and Child Connect Services;

(i) will take all necessary action in the standing down of any Staff/Student in relation to matters covered by this Policy and carrying out any disciplinary measures noted in the Policy;

(j) will report any investigation carried our regarding the conduct of a teacher to the Queensland College of Teachers.

c) Designated Board Director

Will be available to receive and to report any allegations of sexual abuse, include likely sexual abuse.

d) Student Protection Officers

(a) will be appointed by the Principal in each of any sub-schools;

(b) will undertake training in the requirements of the role;

(c) will be known to Staff and Students, and should be a person that will be accessible;

(d) will follow the procedures set out in this Policy;

(e) must inform the Principal or Chair of the Board of Directors of all incidents of harm, or where harm is reasonably suspected, or of sexual abuse, or suspected sexual abuse, or Inappropriate Behaviour which are brought to their attention, in accordance with Annexure A.
e) Teachers/Staff

Teachers (and under this Policy, all Staff):

(a) must comply with mandatory reporting obligations under the Child Protection Act 1999, the General Provision Act 2006 and Regulation 10 of the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2001 (all as amended)

(b) must comply with this Policy regarding protective procedures;

(c) on receipt of a complaint of Inappropriate Behaviour, or harm, or a reasonable suspicion of harm, must report to a Student Protection Officer, the Principal or the Designated Director;

(d) will protect confidentiality, (under a Confidentiality Agreement) of the person disclosing the allegations and the details of the allegations.

f) Students

All Students are expected to contribute to the care and wellbeing of other Students by complying with all School Policies, rules and directions.

8. Timely Response

The Principal will ensure that a timely response to all issues of Child Safety and wellbeing will be made.

9. Investigation

(a) The College Staff do not in any way investigate mandatory reporting matters. They will co-operate with the State authority.

(b) For an action falling short of mandatory reporting, the Principal may decide on a number of responses including investigating the matter internally or with assistance of an external investigator.

(c) Other actions may include:

• Working in partnership with parents,
• Referrals to Family and Child Support Services,
• Notifying Child Safety and Police as a matter of discretion (even if not mandatory).

10. Consequences of Breach of Policy

(a) (i) conduct which breaches this Policy may result in criminal penalties as decided by legal process;
(ii) in all such cases the Principal will stand down a Staff Member pending the result of investigation by the Police.

(b) other breaches of this policy, which may not result in external penalties, will result in consequences imposed by the Principal and may include:

- apology
- counselling
- warning
- demotion
- suspension
- standing aside
- termination
- expulsion (in the case of a Student)

(c) Where a complaint / allegation is found to have no substance, every effort will be made to re-instate the alleged offender's status and reputation.

11. Protection for Notifier

(a) The Child Protection Act 1999 provides for the confidentiality of information supplied by the person making a notification.

(b) Also Section 22 of the Act provides for the protection from civil liability for persons, who, acting honestly, notify or give information about suspected harm to a Child. It states that merely because the person gives the notification or information, the person cannot be held to have breached any code of professional etiquette or ethics, or departed from accepted standards of professional conduct.

In accordance with this Act the College will protect the identity of the Notifier of information – unless required otherwise by Law.

12. Anonymous Complaints

Such complaints, by their very nature provide difficulties, however the College will investigate the validity of each one to the extent possible.

13. Record Keeping

Any Staff Member who has concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a Child, either suspicious or disclosed, MUST:

a) keep anecdotal records of observations, focusing on the persistence of indicators over time and the severity of effects;

b) if speaking to a Child, keep questions to what/where/when;

c) take only short notes – must not investigate;

d) present such documentation to a Student Protection Officer. (Appendix A)
Should the Principal need to interview the Child further, the same procedures must be followed.

Records must be kept in a locked file by the Principal.

14. **Review of Policy**

This Policy will be reviewed every two years or as required by legislation.
APPENDIX A
Reporting Summaries and Reporting Trees
## MANDATORY REPORTING OF SEXUAL ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE

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<td>Reporting Sexual abuse or likely sexual abuse under sections 366 and 366B of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.</td>
<td>MANDATORY • You are a School Staff Member; and • You are aware or reasonably suspect that a Student has been, or is likely to be, sexually abused by another person.</td>
<td>1. Complete the School’s reporting form. 2. Discuss your concerns with your Principal. 3. The Principal will make a report to the Police and inform you. 4. If you suspect the Principal is involved in the abuse, directly inform the designated Director of the Board who will report it to the Police. 5. Keep appropriate records of your decisions and actions.</td>
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<td>Reporting Sexual and Physical abuse under Sections 13E and 13G of the Child Protection Act 1999.</td>
<td>MANDATORY • You are a Principal or a Director of the Board; and • A Staff Member, including a teacher, reports a concern that a Student has been, or is likely to be, sexually abused by another person.</td>
<td>1. Ensure that the School’s reporting form is completed. 2. Make a report to the Police immediately. 3. Inform the Governing Body of the report. 4. Keep appropriate records of your decisions and actions.</td>
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<td>• You are a Principal or a Director of the Board; and • A teacher (or Staff Member under College Policy) reports a reportable suspicion to you.</td>
<td>1. Complete the School’s reporting form. 2. Discuss your concerns with your Principal. 3. The Principal will make a report to Child Safety. 4. The Principal will inform you of their report. 5. If you suspect the Principal is involved in the abuse, directly inform the Designated Director of the Board. 6. Keep appropriate records of your decisions and actions.</td>
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### Reporting Summary 2

**PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION**

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<td>Reporting Psychological, Emotional Harm, Neglect or Exploitation Behaviour under Regulation 10</td>
<td>• You are a Staff Member/Student Protection Officer; and receive or have a concern of this nature.</td>
<td>1. Complete the School’s reporting form. 2. Discuss the Student’s report with the Student Protection Officer or Principal. 3. The Principal will take appropriate action in the circumstances. 4. Keep appropriate records of your decisions and actions.</td>
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<td>• You are a Principal; and • You receive a report or concern of this nature.</td>
<td>1. Interview the Staff Member. 2. Interview the Student reporting the behaviour. 3. Interview other persons who may be able to provide useful information. 4. Take appropriate action on the basis of your investigation • Utilise internal supports • Work in contractual partnership with parents. 5. Notify at your discretion to Police, Child Safety. 6. Refer to Family and Child Connect Services. 7. Report to the Governing Body as appropriate. 8. Keep appropriate records of your decisions and actions.</td>
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<td>Queensland College of Teachers Act 2005, Section 76</td>
<td>• You are a Principal and • The School is investigating an allegation of harm caused, or likely to be caused, to a Child because of the conduct of a teacher.</td>
<td>1. As soon as practicable after the investigation starts, give notice to the Queensland College of Teachers 2. The notice must include the following— a) the name of the Principal; b) the name of the School; c) the name of the relevant teacher; d) the day the investigation started; and e) the allegation, particulars of the allegation and any other relevant information.</td>
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### INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

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| Reporting Inappropriate Behaviour under Reg. 10 (Accreditation Regulations 2001) | • You are a Student; and  
• A Staff Member at the School has behaved in a way you consider is inappropriate. | 1. Report the behaviour to a Student Protection Officer or Senior Staff Member/Principal.                                      |
|                                                                            | • You are a Staff Member/Student Protection Officer; and receive or have a concern of this nature. | 1. Complete the School’s reporting form.  
2. Discuss the Student’s report with the Student Protection Officer or Principal.  
3. The Principal will take appropriate action in the circumstances.  
4. Keep appropriate records of your decisions and actions. |
|                                                                            | • You are a Principal/Delegate and receive a report of this nature. | 1. Interview the Student reporting the behaviour.  
2. Interview the Staff Member named in the report as engaging in Inappropriate Behaviour.  
3. Interview any other person who may be able to provide useful information.  
4. Investigate.  
5. Take appropriate action on the basis of your investigation.  
6. Report to the Governing Body as appropriate.  
7. Keep appropriate records of your decisions and actions.            |
MANDATORY REPORTING

(1) Harm in the Nature of Sexual Abuse – To Police

The Staff Member becomes aware or has a reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse or likely sexual abuse of a Child under 18 years.

Under Law and Policy must report to the Principal/Delegate.

The Principal/Delegate must inform the Police and Director of the Board. Each one must report immediately on the relevant Form. Law—General Provisions Act s.366 and 366A and Regulation 10.

Await the Police outcome before following any internal enquiry.

Document all actions.

NB. Suspected Criminal Offences need to be reported to Police by discretion and in line with the best interests of the Child and the Common Law duty of care.
MANDATORY REPORTING

(2) Harm in the Nature of Sexual or Physical Abuse – To Child Safety

(This Policy expands the obligations placed on a teacher to all staff.)

A Staff Member becomes aware of or has a reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse or physical abuse of a Child under 18 years.

Under Law and Policy that person must consult with the Principal/Delegate.

The Principal will assess whether this is a "reportable suspicion" under the Child Protection Act.

Does it meet the 2 tests?

The Significance Test
Is this Significant Harm on the information available?

Yes  No

The Parent Test
Does the Child have a parent willing and able to protect the Child?

Yes  No

If both tests are satisfied, the Principal must report to the Department of Child Safety (as well as Police) and inform the Staff Member that this has been done.

If not both satisfied, the Principal must report the sexual abuse and possibly the physical abuse to Police under Reporting Tree 1.

Where both tests are not satisfied the School will respond, seek to remediate and remedy internally or may refer to and access Family and Child Connect Services.

Document all actions
MANDATORY REPORTING

(3) Discretionary Reporting of “Other” Harms – psychological, emotional neglect, exploitation

The Staff Member becomes aware or has a reasonable suspicion that a Student has been harmed psychologically, emotionally or by neglect.

Under law and under Policy the Staff Member must, as a matter of process, report to Child Protection Officers, or other designated persons through to the Principal.

Because this is not Sexual or Physical Harm it does not fall under the mandatory provision of the Child Protection Act regarding sexual and physical harm. However at the Principal’s discretion he may report to Child Safety.

Otherwise the College will manage the issues internally including by investigation and disciplinary responses, the Contractual obligations of parents/partnership, or pastoral responses.

The College may make referrals to Family Support Services preferably with, but also without, parental consent to assist the Child and family.

Document all actions
APPENDIX B

Forms
REPORTING – ALL CONCERNS EXCEPT SEXUAL ABUSE AND PHYSICAL ABUSE

CONFIDENTIAL
Staff are required under Policy to report any concerns regarding psychological or emotional harm, self harm, neglect, exploitation or Inappropriate Behaviour to the Student Protection Officers or other management or the Principal.

This form is to be initiated by the Staff Member who has become aware of a concern and provide or forward it to Student Protection Officer or Principal. Both the Student Protection Officer and the Principal will review the form and sign the form as evidence of their review.

Name of Student: ___________________________ Gender: ___M / F___
Year Level: ________________________________ DOB: ___/___/____
I first became aware of the situation (approx date) _______________
Has the concern arisen internally to the School? □ Internally □ Externally
I became aware of this situation because the Student involved:
□ Spoke to me □ Observed
□ Spoke to another Student □ Other _________________
□ Spoke to another Staff Member __________________________

Following is a brief description of what the Student said:
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

Identity of anyone else who may have supporting information:
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

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Do you consider this matter to fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Emotional  □
- Psychological □
- Self Injury □
- Neglect □
- Exploitation □

Inappropriate Behaviour of:

- Student to Student □
- Student to Staff □
- Staff Member to Student □

I confirm the details above (to the best of my knowledge) to be correct. I will maintain the confidentiality of all persons involved, and expect the information passed on will be acted upon and resolved in accordance with the College Student Protection Policy.

Signed by Staff Member initiating process ___________________ Date __________

Provided to:

Child Protection Officer □ on _____________ Date ____________

Principal □ on _____________ Date ____________

Signature of Person Receiving this Report Form: _________________________
Name: ________________________________ Date: ____________
Role: ________________________________ Date: ____________
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I, ________________________________ agree that the information provided by me and/or obtained by me in the process in relation to the issue of “harm” to ___________________________ (name), a Student at ___________________________ College will not be disclosed to any other person at any time now or in the future, except in the circumstances where the information is required by the law or by a Court of Law.

__________________________________

(Name)

__________________________________  ______________________

(Signed)  (Date)
MANDATORY REPORTING FORM
FOR REPORTING KNOWN/SUSPECTED/LIKELY SEXUAL ABUSE TO POLICE

Reporting of all incidents is mandatory for Staff whether the situation has occurred inside or outside the College.

This form is to be initiated by the Staff Member who has become aware of or is suspecting there may be sexual abuse of a Student and is to be forwarded to Head of College or the Board of Directors immediately. Both the Student Protection Officer and the Head of Pastoral Care will review the form and sign the form as evidence of their review.

*Name of Student: _______________________________

*Gender of Student: ___________________________ DOB: __/__/_______

Year Level: ____________________________________________________________________________

Name of the Staff Member filling in this Form: _______________________

Role: _________________________________________________________________________________

I first became aware of/suspected or considered abuse to be likely, (approx date): ______

I became aware of this situation because the Student involved:

☐ Spoke to me ☐ Other ______________________

☐ Spoke to another Student ______________________

☐ Spoke to another Staff Member ______________________

☐ Staff Member/other observation comment ______________________

*Following is a brief description of what the Student said (details of abuse or suspected abuse).

____________________________________________________________________________________

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____________________________________________________________________________________
Student Age __________________________________________
Identity of person suspected/likely to have caused abuse _______________________
Identity of anyone else who may have information about abuse ____________________

I confirm that the details above are to my belief correct. I will maintain the confidentiality of all persons involved, and expect the information passed on will be acted upon and resolved in accordance with the College Student Protection Policy.

*Signed by Staff Member initiating process (and full name)  Date

Referred to Principal ______________________ ______________________
Signed: by Principal Date Received

Referred to Designated Board Director ______________________ ______________________
Signed: Director Date Received

Principal reported to Police ______________________ ______________________
Signed: Principal Date Referred

* IT IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE THESE DETAILS
MANDATORY REPORTING FORM
FOR REPORTABLE SUSPICION – TO CHILD SAFETY

Reporting of all incidents is mandatory for staff whether the situation has occurred inside or outside the College.

This form is to be initiated by the Staff Member who has become aware of or suspecting of sexual abuse of a Student and forwarded to Head of College or the Board of Directors immediately. Both a Student Protection Officer and the Head of Pastoral Care will review the form and sign the form as evidence of their review.

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<td>Does it pass the parent test?</td>
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*Name of Student: ____________________________________________________________

*Gender of Student: ________________________ DOB: _____/_____/______

Year Level: ________________________________

Name of the Staff Member filling in this Form: ______________________________

Role: _________________________________

I first became aware of/suspected or considered abuse to be likely, (approx date): ____________________________

I became aware of this situation because the Student involved:

☐ Spoke to me  ☐ Other ________________

☐ Spoke to another Student ______________________________

☐ Spoke to another Staff Member ______________________________

☐ Staff Member/other observation comment ______________________________

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I confirm that the details above are to my belief correct. I will maintain the confidentiality of all persons involved, and expect the information passed on will be acted upon and resolved in accordance with the College Student Protection Policy.

*Signed* by Staff Member initiating process (and full name)  
Date

Referral to Principal  
Signed: by Principal

Date Received

Referral to Designated Board Director  
Signed: Director

Date Received

The Principal informed me on ************ that he mandatorily reported to the  
Department of Communities on ************

(Date)

(Date)

* IT IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE THESE DETAILS
APPENDIX C
Student Protection Officers
Student Protection Officers
As at 3rd February 2015

The Child Protection Policy provides the written processes for how Montessori International College will respond to allegations of sexual abuse, likely sexual abuse, harm or risk of harm of a student by another person or inappropriate behaviour of a staff member or volunteer to a student.

Allegations and/or concerns of this nature should be reported to any one of the following Student Protection Officers or to the Principal.

AS APPOINTED BY Chiray Fitton, Principal

Nick Harrison
Assistant Principal (Senior Phase)
(07) 5442 3807

Larissa Rook
Assistant Principal (Adolescent Community)
(07) 5442 3807

Greg Steers-Carter
Assistant Principal (Primary College)
(07) 5442 3807

W HILE STAFF MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES AS SET OUT IN THIS MANUAL, THIS DOES NOT LIMIT THE FREEDOM OF ANY PERSON TO ADDRESS COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS DIRECTLY TO:

Queensland Police Service or Department of Communities (Child Safety) Services.

Please note: this form must be kept up to date and kept with SPR.

Signed:
Chiray Fitton
February 3, 2015