



ST ANDREW'S BRIGHTON

News for all St Andrew's Volunteers –

Child Safety

As St Andrew's recently appointed Child Safety Officer, I wanted to introduce myself and let you know a little about what Child Safety means for us at St Andrew's Brighton.

Along with all churches, schools, sporting clubs and other organisations in which children are involved, St Andrew's is in the process of ensuring that all volunteers, along with paid employees, meet the new requirements in relation to Child Safety. This, in no way, is a reflection on our trust in St Andrew's many volunteers, but more a recognition that we must comply with our obligations and work to ensure the safety of our youngsters.

In the months ahead, information about this will be provided to all who volunteer within the Parish and assistance provided to those who may need it, to complete the requirements. We acknowledge that some of our volunteers, especially those who have been volunteering for a long time, may question the need for this but the reality is that this has become an expectation.

At St Andrew's Brighton we are fortunate to have so many people volunteering in many different ways including readers, welcomers, Op Shop volunteers, Sunday School leaders and choir members, and each and every contribution is important and valued. We, therefore, look forward to working with them all to ensure that they meet all the necessary requirements and continue to contribute to Parish life in such a positive manner.

Anyone wishing to receive more information about this or to discuss it with me is welcome to contact me at ChildSafety@standrewsbrighton.org.au

Similarly, if ever a situation occurs in which anyone has concerns about the safety of any of our children, please feel free to contact me or to raise your concerns with the Vicar.

Peter Gray
St Andrew's Child Safety Officer

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