

Bluecard and Child Protection Information

Friday, 29 January 2010

It is the policy of the club to ensure that all appropriate persons are screened in relation to Working with Children in terms of the applicable legislation. Any enquiries in regard to screening or suitability cards should be referred to the Blue Card Co-Ordinator via the clubhouse or club website.

Child Protection Policy

Rights of Children and Young People

Australia has agreed to uphold the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This Convention establishes 'minimum' rights to which children and young people are entitled. Mitchelton Football Club aims to uphold these rights.

Under the Convention, children and young people have the right to:-

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feel safe

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be listened to

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be involved in decisions that affect them

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have their cultural values respected

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not be unjustly discriminated against on the basis of their status, activities, expressed opinions or beliefs

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of their parents or carers, and

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have their best interests considered.

Expectations of Children and Young People

Children and young people involved in teams within the club should comply with the Players Code of Behaviour at all times.

Children and young people attending club activities should at all times:-

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show respect for other children, young people and adults

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keep themselves safe, and

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report inappropriate behaviour, unsafe situations or harm.

Rights and Responsibilities of Parents and Caregivers

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be welcome visitors at our club

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take part, where appropriate, in the planning, management, development and delivery of activities

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have their cultural, religious, disability and language requirements respected and catered for

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be told about our programmes, services and activities

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have opportunities to give regular feedback to our organisation

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receive feedback from staff and/or officials about their child's involvement in activities

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have access to our club's policies

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know how and who to voice their concerns to, expect to be listened to and have their views considered, and

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have any personal information treated confidentially and their privacy respected.

Expectations of Parents and Carers

If a parent considers excessive demands are being placed on them, they should feel comfortable in approaching any member of the club committee to discuss the situation and possible solutions.

Generally, parents and carers should expect to:-

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work with our club to support its CHILD PROTECTION POLICY and CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

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provide their children with required support, for example, clothes, food, equipment and travel as needed

- to participate in reasonable club activities

- inform the club of any situations of

- bullying, intimidation or harassment experienced by their child, and

- any suspicion that children or young people in our club are being harmed

- give positive and negative feedback on our club's policies and procedures, and

- be involved in our club, but not be judged for little or no involvement.