

## Reporting Child Safety Concerns

Goulburn Valley Grammar School has appointed the people listed below as the School's Child Safety Officers. Each Child Safety Officer is available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Child Safe Policy and the Child Protection Program.

Child Safety Officers are selected based on a number of considerations, namely:

- their personal attitudes, experiences and beliefs, for example, a person who is non-judgmental, calm, resilient and demonstrates a high degree of integrity and respect for confidentiality
- their role within the School, for example, a person who has seniority and experience working with complex student and family issues at the School and someone who is readily accessible and available to all members of the School community
- their personal profile within the School, for example, a person who is approachable, who students and staff trust and who is willing and able to respond to issues personally and sensitively

The School's Child Safety Officers can be your first point of contact for reporting child protection issues within the School.

If you have any concern that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed a belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Child Safety Officers. Please be aware that consulting with a Child Safety Officer does not change any obligation you have under legislation to report to an external authority.

The welfare and best interests of the child are paramount. Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 000.

Name	Position	Phone:	Email Address
Mark Torriero	Principal	+61 3 5833 3300	Mark.Torriero@gvgs.vic.edu.au
Leon McLeod	Deputy Principal	+61 3 5833 3300	Leon.McLeod@gvgs.vic.edu.au
Trish Lawless	Director of Students	+61 3 5833 3300	Trish.Lawless@gvgs.vic.edu.au
Faye Kerr	Equal Opportunity Officer	+61 3 5833 3300	Faye.Kerr@gvgs.vic.edu.au
Cheryl Mechkaroff	Human Resources Manager	+61 3 5833 3300	Cheryl.Mechkaroff@gvgs.vic.edu.au

### Our Senior Child Safety Officer

Goulburn Valley Grammar School has appointed the Director of Students (Ms Trish Lawless) as the School's Senior Child Safety Officer. The Senior Child Safety Officer has an important role in the promotion and maintenance of our child protection culture at the School.

The Senior Child Safety Officer is identified in our publicly available Child Safe Policy as a contact for the wider community when they have child protection concerns relating to the School.

The Senior Child Safety Officer is responsible for promptly managing the School's response to an allegation or disclosure of child abuse and ensuring that the allegation or disclosure is taken seriously.

The Senior Child Safety Officer is contactable by phone on 5833 3300 or by emailing [Trish.Lawless@gvgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:Trish.Lawless@gvgs.vic.edu.au).