

## CHILD SAFE STANDARDS & MANDATORY REPORTING

Mandatory reporting process

*ALL ADULTS, not just professionals who work with children, have a legal obligation to report to Victoria Police where they form a reasonable belief that a sexual offence has been committed by an adult against a child under the age of 16, failure to disclose the information may amount to a criminal offence unless you have a "reasonable excuse" or have an "exemption" from doing so (Department of Health and Human Services, 2017).*

- Staff member forms a belief of potential physical, sexual and or any other type of abuse, grooming and inappropriate relationships.
- Staff member gathers information from student and other relevant sources.
- Consult Wellbeing team, Director of Students, or Principal team
- If possible, inform student of potential actions to be taken.
- Report to relevant services: DHHS, SOCIT.
- Follow instructions given by external services.
- Inform parents if appropriate.
- Arrange appropriate support for the student, which may include internal support, external referrals and others.

(And then the links to the child safe stuff)