



# Our Child Protection Officers – Make a Report

Our Child Protection Officers are available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Statement of Commitment to Child Safety, Child Safety Code of Conduct and Child Protection Program.

The School's Child Protection Officers are a **point of contact for reporting child protection issues** within the School. They receive special training that enables them to deal with child protection concerns both sensitively and effectively.

Our Child Protection Officers are:

Full Name	Position	Email Address	Phone Number
Mrs Carmel Spry	Principal	<a href="mailto:cspry@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au">cspry@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au</a>	(03) 5480 5900
Mrs Kathleen Kemp	Deputy Principal	<a href="mailto:kkemp@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au">kkemp@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au</a>	(03) 5480 5900

Child Protection Officers are selected based on a number of considerations, including but not limited to:

- ♦ 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.

**Child abuse includes:**

- ♦ neglect
- ♦ physical abuse
- ♦ sexual abuse
- ♦ serious emotional or psychological harm by a parent or carer
- ♦ exposure to domestic or family violence.

**Grooming** is a recognised form of child abuse under the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW), and grooming behaviours are:

- ♦ a criminal offence under the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)
- ♦ an example of sexual misconduct which must be reported to the NSW Children's Guardian under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 (NSW)
- ♦ conduct which may place a child or young person at risk of significant harm, which must be reported under the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW).

Grooming behaviours must be reported internally to a Child Protection Officer.

If you have any concern that a child or young person may be experiencing any form of abuse, neglect or grooming, whether or not you have formed a reasonable suspicion that the abuse, neglect or grooming has occurred, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Child Protection Officers.

The welfare and best interests of children and young people are paramount.

**Whenever there are concerns that a child or young person is in immediate danger the Police should be called on 000.**

### **Our Senior Child Protection Officer**

Moama Anglican Grammar has appointed Mrs Carmel Spry as the School's Senior Child Protection Officer. The Senior Child Protection Officer has an important role in the promotion and maintenance of a child protection culture at the School.

The Senior Child Protection Officer is identified in our publicly available Statement of Commitment to Child Safety as the individual the wider community is to initially contact when they have child protection concerns relating to the School.

The Senior Child Protection Officer is contactable by phone on (03) 5480 5900 or by emailing [cspry@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cspry@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au).