Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
Chart of Archdiocesan Child Protection Roles and Responsibilities

Archbishop
- The Head of the Archdiocese and of all Parishes and Agencies within the Archdiocese
- Head of the relevant entity within the Archdiocese for the purposes of the Children’s Guardian Act 2019 (NSW)
- No actual day to day role in reporting but is answerable to the Children’s Guardian and potentially NSW Parliament

Vicar General
Is responsible for implementing the Policy and overseeing the Safeguarding Office.
Has delegated authority from the Archbishop in respect of Parishes and Agencies (other than CatholicCare and Sydney Catholic Schools) for the purposes of the Children’s Guardian Act 2019 (NSW)

Executive Director, Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS)
Responsible for overseeing Child Protection matters within SCS

CEO, CatholicCare
Responsible for overseeing child protection matters within CatholicCare

Sydney Catholic Schools has its own Child Protection systems and structures

CatholicCare has its own Child Protection systems and structures

Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office
Assists Vicar General to fulfil his obligations to report Reportable Allegations or Convictions considered to be Reportable Convictions to the NSW Office of the Children’s Guardian
Receives and manages reports of Safeguarding Complaints from Parish Priests, Agency Heads, and others within the Archdiocese. Provides advice and training to Parish Priests, Agency Heads and others within the Archdiocese of Sydney to understand, comply with and meet their reporting obligations

Agency Heads
- Responsible for verifying the WWCCs of all persons who work with Children
- Responsible for implementation of child protection Policy
- Responsible for reporting all allegations or concerns about child safety to the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office
- Responsible for reporting serious indictable offences to the Safeguarding Office and Police

Parish Priests (and Administrators)
- Responsible for verifying the WWCCs of all persons who work with Children
- Responsible for implementation of child protection Policy
- Responsible for reporting all allegations or concerns about child safety to the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office
- Responsible for reporting serious indictable offences to the Safeguarding Office and Police

Independent Safeguarding Advisory Panel (ISAP)
Provides independent advice and recommendations to the Archbishop, the Vicar General, and the Safeguarding Office to equip them with a source of informed advice to fulfil their respective responsibilities and inform their decisions in relation to professional standards matters.

All religious, lay staff and volunteers must take steps to report any serious indictable offences and comply with reporting requirements and the Archdiocese Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

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