



**Tablelands  
REGION**  
incorporating  
the  
**Catholic  
Parishes**  
of

Atherton (Herberton, Yungaburra)  
Dimbulah (Mutchilba)  
Kuranda



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**Tableland Catholic Parishes** are actively committed to fostering communities of safeguarding that recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable adults.

We actively seek to become and remain informed of the causes and signs of abuse and neglect.

When we receive information about concerns or witness any matter relating to abuse, we respond appropriately and report any such concerns to the appropriate authority. This includes contacting the police immediately where there may be immediate risk of harm to any person, especially a child.

Every person within **Tableland Catholic Parishes** who comes into contact, or works, with children seeks to uphold the dignity of all children and commits to establishing safe and supportive relationships.

**Tableland Catholic Parishes** has policies and procedures to prevent risks to children and build a strong culture of safeguarding. All priests, sisters, staff and volunteers are expected to follow these policies and procedures and contribute to the culture of care and protection of all children and vulnerable adults.

We plan, organise and review all activities with children and vulnerable adults, proactively considering potential risks and strive to ensure risks are reduced, and eliminated where possible. Everyone is encouraged to communicate any area of concern or where you think our approach may need improvement.

Anyone who brings forward a suspicion, concerns, knowledge or allegation of current or past abuse of a child or vulnerable adult to **Tableland Catholic Parishes** will be responded to sensitively, respectfully, actively and in a timely manner, in line with our lawful obligations and our own Complaints Handling Policy.

We regularly undertake reviews of our safeguarding policies and practices to make sure that they always support a culture and practice that puts the safety of children and vulnerable adults at the centre of our thinking and action.

For more information or to raise a concern please contact Rhiana Meaney or one of our Safeguarding Representatives:



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