

Safe Ministry Guidelines for Children/Youth online at St Ives Community Church



Oasis Youth &/or Kid's Church at St Ives Community Church will be operating online for periods of time when we are unable to meet in person. As you join us, for the safety of all involved, we require you to observe the following guidelines:

- **Participants can only join if a current 'Child/Youth Annual Attendance Form' has been completed by a parent or guardian.**

This is an enduring permission that covers 'all planned activities and incidental activities that may arise' related to Young People's Ministries of St Ives Community Church, for the period of a full calendar year. Please note that leaders will be instructed not to allow youth/children access to online meetings if permission has not been given. If you require access to the permission form or have any concerns related to having already signed this form, please contact: admin@stivescommunitychurch.org.au

- **Participants must only join online from an appropriate location.**

Where possible, appropriate locations are shared spaces such as living rooms or kitchens which are easily accessible to parents and caregivers. Please also consider what can be seen in the background of your chosen meeting space.

- **All online meetings will have at least two Safe Ministry trained leaders present.**

Meeting codes and passwords will be distributed to parents and caregivers. All online meetings will have at least two leaders present who have a current Working With Children Check (if over 18yrs) and Safe Ministry accreditation. youth/children will not be admitted onto an online group until there is more than one participant. The ministry team of St Ives Community Church will be aware of all online young people's meetings.

- **Participants are not to record or share St Ives Community Church meetings.**

Leaders will turn off this feature where possible, as there are legal ramifications for recording people without their consent. Clear warning will be given if a meeting needs to be recorded for any reason. We request that parents and caregivers respect the privacy of other participants and treat any information that is overheard with appropriate discretion.

- **Participants must wear appropriate clothing on online meetings.**

We ask all participants to wear appropriate clothing, just as they would if we were meeting together face to face. In practice, this means no pyjamas, revealing, or inappropriate clothing.

- **Participants must not share any inappropriate text, images, videos, or virtual backgrounds during online meetings.**

Any content that is considered by the meeting moderators to be in any way inappropriate will not be tolerated. This includes what is said verbally, any content communicated using the chat function, or communicated by any other means. Moderators will mute the audio and/or video of participants as needed, and if necessary, may remove people from the meeting.

- **All regular Safe Ministry and Leader's Code of Conduct guidelines will continue to be followed by our ministry teams.**

For more information on these guidelines, please go to: <https://www.stivescommunitychurch.org.au/safeministry>

If you become aware of any inappropriate behaviour, please contact the relevant ministry team leaders &/or one of our Safe Ministry Supervisors:

Kid's Church (Preschool & Primary age) – Bruce & Gail Marlin

Oasis Youth (High School age) – Brad & Margaret Taylor

Safe Ministry Supervisors - Benjamin O'Donoghue & Juliette Hackett

Thank you for valuing the safety of our members and leaders.

By participating in a St Ives Community online meeting, you are agreeing to these guidelines.