

ETR Act means the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* as amended from time to time.

child means a child enrolled as a student at the school.

child-connected work means work authorised by the school governing authority and performed by an adult in a school environment while children are present or reasonably expected to be present.

child abuse includes-

- (a) any act committed against a child involving -
 - (i) a sexual offence; or
 - (ii) an offence under section 498(2) of the Crimes Act 1958 (grooming); and
- (b) the infliction, on a child, of-
 - (i) physical violence; or
 - (ii) serious emotional or psychological harm; and
- (c) serious neglect of a child.

child safety encompasses matters related to protecting all children from child abuse, managing the risk of child abuse, providing support to a child at risk of child abuse, and responding to incidents or allegations of child abuse.

minister of religion has the same meaning as in the *Working with Children Act 2005*.

proprietor, in relation to a school, means the person who is ultimately responsible for the way the school is managed and conducted:

- (a) in the case of a Government school, the Secretary;
- (b) in the case of a non-Government school, the proprietor of the school.

school environment means any physical or virtual place made available or authorised by the school governing authority for use by a child during or outside school hours, including:

- (a) a campus of the school;
- (b) online school environments (including email and intranet systems); and
- (c) other locations provided by the school for a child's use (including, without limitation, locations used for school camps, sporting events, excursions, competitions, and other events).

school governing authority means:

- (a) the proprietor of a school, including a person authorised to act for or on behalf of the proprietor; or
- (b) the governing body for a school (however described), as authorised by the proprietor of a school or the ETR Act; or
- (c) the principal, as authorised by the proprietor of a school, the school governing body, or the ETR Act.

Explanatory note: There is a wide variety of school governance arrangements. Depending on the way a school is constituted and operated, the governing body of a school may be the school board, the school council, or some other person or entity.

The school governing authorities may share or assign responsibility for discharging the requirements imposed by this Order, in accordance with the school's internal governance arrangements.

school staff means:

- (a) in a Government school, an individual working in a school environment who is:
 - (i) employed under Part 2.4 of the ETR Act in the government teaching service; or
 - (ii) employed under a contract of service by the council of the school under Part 2.3 of the ETR Act; or
 - (iii) a volunteer or a contracted service provider (whether or not a body corporate or any other person is an intermediary).
- (b) in a non-Government school, an individual working in a school environment who is:
 - (i) directly engaged or employed by a school governing authority;
 - (ii) a volunteer or a contracted service provider (whether or not a body corporate or any other person is an intermediary); or
 - (iii) a minister of religion.