## CAMDEN HAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE INC

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# Client Protection, Workplace Harassment & Bulling Policy

#### Preamble

Camden Haven Community College Inc (CHCC) ensures that all staff, students and clients are protected and enjoy a work and learning environment free of workplace harassment and bullying. CHCC is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all its employees, contractors and visitors, particularly vulnerable persons. This Policy applies to all workers (as defined by Work Health & Safety legislation), students, visitors, volunteers and members of the governing body while at the CHCC workplace and while engaged in CHCC business or otherwise representing the CHCC.

#### Principles

CHCC believes that all workers (including volunteers), students, visitors and clients are entitled to enjoy a work and learning environment that is safe and secure and free of workplace harassment and bullying. This includes:

- Unsolicited approaches, comments or physical contact of a sexual nature
- Victimisation
- Bullying
- Racial vilification
- Unfair treatment
- Unsafe learning environment

Members of the CHCC community (staff, students, trainers, tutors, volunteers, contractors, facilitators and guests) will ensure that:

- 1. their own behaviour is appropriate and in accordance with CHCC's values and relevant policies;
- 2. they attempt to stop if possible and/or report any type of bullying, discrimination, harassment, unwelcome or unfair treatment or behaviour, having regard for their own safety;
- 3. they refuse to join in with any type of bullying, discrimination, harassment, unwelcome or unfair treatment or behaviour; and
- 4. they support other members of the CHCC community who are experiencing any type of bullying, harassment, discrimination, unwelcome or unfair treatment or behaviour and/or encourage and assist them to raise their concerns through the appropriate complaints processes.

#### **CHCC Support**

- The Manager is advised of all incidents of harassment, bullying, unfair or inappropriate treatment, or sexual abuse.
- Workplace harassment or related complaints are dealt with in a strictly confidential manner and are investigated promptly and thoroughly by CHCC management.
- Victims of workplace harassment are offered counselling, if appropriate, by an external agency.

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### CHCC Support (cont'd)

- Perpetrators of workplace harassment are dealt with in an appropriate manner that may involve meeting with the Manager of CHCC, counselling, educational advice and a written warning in the first instance. Any further incidence automatically results in dismissal or expulsion from the organisation.
- Workplace harassment issues that warrant legal action are referred to the police only with the victim's consent.
- A formal interview of all candidates is conducted for study or work involving work-placement or work with vulnerable adults (or children, although not usually applicable for CHCC), including analysis of past experience working with children or vulnerable adults.
- A documented reporting process with escalating procedures including:
  - the automatic suspension of an employee from work or other duties within your organisation, if they are under investigation (internally or by the police) for committing sexual abuse;
  - and the automatic termination of their employment, or involvement with your organisation if found guilty of committing sexual abuse (either by an internal investigation or by a court).
- Employees and/or volunteers are to report reasonable suspicion of sexual abuse to the management of CHCC and police authorities and Insurance company will be notified.
- The details of those reporting sexual abuse will be kept private and confidential.
- Refer to CHCC policies for worker engagement, including induction process.

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