



Statement of Commitment

All children and young people have the right to feel and be safe. Children and young people want to be believed and to be heard. Keeping children and young people safe is everyone's responsibility.

We are collectively and individually committed to improving the way we work with vulnerable people, with a specific focus on children and young people. Children and young people are dependent on adults to care for them, meet their basic needs, and make decisions for them. Adults are in positions of trust, and are responsible for the safety, wellbeing, and empowerment of children and young people. We have an opportunity to recognise the signs of harm to children and young people and respond accordingly, whether working directly with them or with their parents or caregivers.

We collectively and individually recognise that some children face additional risk of harm. We are committed to meeting the diverse needs and ensuring the cultural safety of:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people
- children and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds
- · children and young people who are unable to live at home
- · children and young people living with disability
- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, intersex, queer, asexual and questioning (LGBTIQA+) children and young people.

We will put in place strategies and actions to promote child safety and wellbeing, empower, and prevent harm to children and young people. It will work towards an environment where children and young people feel safe and are safe, have their voices heard, and are involved in the decisions that affect their lives.

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