

## The Centre's Child Safe Commitment

The Centre is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

The Centre is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person at The Centre has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play, individually and collectively, to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do, and every decision they make.

The Centre has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to child safety in all its operations. As an organisation we:

- want children to be safe, and feel empowered
- are committed to the safety, participation, and empowerment of all children
- follow all legal and moral obligations to contact relevant authorities when it is suspected that children are not safe
- prevent child abuse by identifying and mitigating risk within our organisation and removing these risks
- empower our staff and volunteers to uphold these commitments through rigorous screening of potential staff and supporting our staff with related processes to ensure children are safe
- train our staff to identify and respond to suspected abuse and to raise concerns when it is identified that children are not safe
- take allegations seriously and investigate and inform families of the actions we have taken
- are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

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