

OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING

All children have the right to feel safe, be free from harm, and supported to grow and develop.

We support and respect all in the community, including children. We want all children to be safe, happy and empowered; we are committed to the safety, inclusion and empowerment of all children in our community.

We are committed to the cultural safety of First Nations children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a additional needs or a disability. We recognise cultural safety as an essential element for childhood development and empowerment. To support this, we respect, promote, and seek to continuously develop ways in which children can practice and revitalise their cultural traditions and customs, in ways that contribute positively to all in the community.

We recognise the distinct history of First Nations people and the value their cultural heritage contributes to society. We acknowledge the intergenerational trauma of First Nations people and the negative impacts of previous and ongoing Australian policies and practices. We seek to be an environment which contributes to breaking this cycle. We believe creating cultural safety in our community will empower children to grow and develop into the leaders of tomorrow. We have policies and procedures in place that support our community centre to achieve these commitments, and we are committed to regularly reviewing and updating these to make sure they are alive and enacted.

We have a zero tolerance for child abuse and support the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. All allegations and safety concerns will be treated consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

