

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN

At Wilson Heights Neighbourhood Centre every child has the right to be safe and feel safe. We commit to the safety and wellbeing of every child in our care, including the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

To keep children safe, we commit to:

- implementing the ten Child Safe Standards
- providing a safe and supportive environment for all children
- making sure that children are not exposed to any form of harmful conduct or abuse
- empowering children to participate in decisions that affect them and share any concerns they may have
- making sure children know who to approach if they feel unsafe or have any safety concerns.

As a child safe organisation, we commit to:

- educating everyone involved in our organisation about what it means to be a child safe organisation, so that we can prevent, detect and effectively respond to child abuse
- making sure everyone involved in our organisation knows how to appropriately respond to complaints, allegations, disclosures and breaches of our Child Safe Code of Conduct
- welcoming feedback to continuously improve our child safe policies, procedures and practices
- making sure that when family and community members interact with our organisation, they are aware that the safety of children is everyone's responsibility, and their behaviour aligns with our child safe practices.