



CHILD SAFETY STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT



Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Foster Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children (see [Child Safe Policy](#)) in all school environments (physical or online). This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making with particular attention paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability, and all vulnerable children.

Foster Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse

Foster Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment (see [child Safe Environment Policy](#)) where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Every person involved in Foster Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays 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.

In its planning, decision-making and operations, Foster Primary School will:

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives
3. Develop and build a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children
4. Respect diversity in cultures, gender and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable, supported and encouraged to raise such issues
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities and encourage all members of our school community to do so as well
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly about 'Child Safety' with families and carers.