

Commitment to Child Safety Statement

At **Sun Valley Preschool**, we are unwavering in our commitment to ensuring the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of every child in our care. We fully support the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**, which recognises that every child has the right to be safe, to be heard, to grow, and to flourish in an environment free from harm.



We believe that:

- Every child has the **right to feel safe and be safe** at all times.
- The **best interests of the child** are central to all our decisions and actions.
- All children, regardless of their background, abilities, or circumstances, deserve **protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation**.
- Child safety is a **shared responsibility** among educators, families, staff, volunteers, and the broader community.

Our Commitment

At **Sun Valley Preschool**, we:

- Have **zero tolerance for child abuse** and actively work to prevent harm to children.
- Create and uphold a **child-safe environment** in every aspect of our practice.
- Comply with all applicable **child protection laws**, including mandatory reporting obligations, Working with Children Checks, and the Child Safe Standards.
- Empower children to express their thoughts, feelings, and concerns—and ensure they are **listened to and respected**.
- Provide ongoing **child safety training** for all staff and volunteers to ensure they are equipped to identify and respond to any concerns.
- Have clear and accessible **policies, procedures, and codes of conduct** that reflect our commitment to child safety and wellbeing.
- Actively promote **inclusion and equity**, ensuring cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disability, and children with diverse family and social circumstances.

Working in Partnership with Families

We acknowledge that families are the primary caregivers and most important influence in a child's life. We are committed to:

- Building strong, respectful, and **collaborative partnerships** with families.
- Involving families in shaping our child safety practices and policies.
- Being open and transparent in our communication with families about matters relating to child safety and wellbeing.

This Child Safety Statement applies to all staff, educators, students, volunteers, contractors, and visitors at Sun Valley Preschool. Maintaining a child-safe culture is a collective responsibility and a non-negotiable standard in our service.

By working together, we can ensure that **Sun Valley Preschool** remains a place where every child feels **safe, valued, respected, and heard**.