

## NEWCASTLE WALDORF SCHOOL

## **Statement of Commitment to Child Safety**

Newcastle Waldorf School is committed to providing a child safe and child friendly environment, where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

To keep children safe, we commit to:

- implementing the 10 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 child 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

- 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.
- making sure everyone involved in our organisation knows how to appropriately respond to complaints, allegations, disclosures and breaches to 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 child safety is everyone's responsibility, and their behaviour aligns with our child safe practices.