



St Catherine's

EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE

Commitment to Child Safety and Wellbeing Statement

At St. Catherine's the safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We are unwavering in our dedication to creating an environment where children feel secure, valued, and supported.

We uphold the rights of all children to thrive in a safe and inclusive space, free from harm and discrimination. This commitment extends to actively nurturing the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, respecting and honouring their unique identities, traditions, and connections to land, culture, and community.

Our Commitment Includes:

- **Child Safety:** Ensuring robust policies, procedures, and practices to protect children from harm.
- **Respectful Relationships:** Fostering a culture of respect, inclusion, and trust between children, families, educators, and the community.
- **Cultural Safety:** Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into our practices, curriculum, and relationships to promote a sense of belonging and identity.
- **Empowerment:** Encouraging children to voice their thoughts and opinions and providing them with tools to understand their rights.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Regularly reviewing and enhancing our policies and practices to align with current child safety standards and cultural safety frameworks.

Commitment to Indigenous Children

We embrace the rich cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and affirm our responsibility to create spaces where their children feel culturally safe and valued. This involves:

- Incorporating cultural practices and symbols authentically within our learning environments.
- Building partnerships with Aboriginal communities and Elders to guide our practices.
- Providing professional development to our team on cultural competency and sensitivity.

We are united in our mission to ensure that all children—regardless of their background or circumstances—experience the care, respect, and safety they deserve at every stage of their journey with us

