



## **STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY AND CHILD SAFETY PRINCIPLES**

Dingley Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

“The school’s approach to creating and maintaining a child safe school environment is guided by our school philosophy and values. At Dingley Primary School our vision is *‘to develop a community in which all members are respectful, compassionate, lifelong learners, who take action as global citizens. Through our commitment to a high quality, inclusive and intercultural education within stimulating and challenging learning environments, we promote academic, social and emotional growth’*. We know children can struggle to achieve their personal best if they are not safe from abuse.

At Dingley Primary School our values guide the decisions and behaviours of all members of our school community, including in relation to child safety:

- **Empathy**  
Acting in accordance with principles of moral and ethical conduct, ensuring consistency between words and deeds. Understanding other people’s feelings. Being aware of others and their cultures, accepting diversity within a democratic society, and being included as well as including others.
- **Honesty**  
Being honest, sincere and always seeking the truth.
- **Persistence**  
Seeking to accomplish something worthy and admirable by trying hard to pursue excellence.
- **Resilience**  
Coping with difficult situations and overcome challenges. Developing a growth mindset and learning to “bounce back”.
- **Respect**  
Treating others with consideration and regard, always respecting another person’s point of view. Pursuing and protecting the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society.
- **Responsibility**  
Being accountable for one’s own actions, resolving differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways and taking care of our environment.

Dingley Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, procedures, strategies and practices will be inclusive of the needs of all children, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, students in out of home care, LGBTI students, and children who are vulnerable.

Every person involved in Dingley Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play 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.

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