Statement of Commitment

CHILD SAFETY

Dubbo Christian Preschool

Objectives

This Statement provides the framework for:

- The development of work systems, practices, policies and procedures that promote child protection, safety and wellbeing within the Preschool
- The creation of a safe and supportive Preschool environment and a positive and robust child protection culture
- The promotion and open discussion of child protection issues within the Preschool
- Complying with all laws, regulations and standards relevant to child protection in NSW.

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Dubbo Christian Preschool is committed to providing education and care to children and young people to assist them to develop into high-achieving, supported children, positively connected to each other and to the communities in which they live and in which they will serve.

The Preschool is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and wellbeing of all children and young people at the Preschool, and is dedicated to protecting them from abuse and harm.

At Dubbo Christian Preschool, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse. The Preschool regards its child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance, and as such is committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations and to maintain safe and supportive physical and online environments for all children and young people in the Preschool.

Child Protection Officers

As part of our commitment to child safety and protection, Dubbo Christian Preschool has appointed a number of Child Protection Officers as honest, mature, ethical and experienced members of the Preschool community who can deal with sensitive issues relating to child protection and safety.

Our Child Protection Officers are available to answer any questions that you may have with respect to our Statement of Commitment to Child Safety and the Child Safe Program Policy.

Responsibilities

The Preschool acknowledges that child protection is everyone's responsibility.

At Dubbo Christian Preschool, all members of the Board of Directors, staff members, volunteers, third party contractors and external education providers have a shared responsibility for contributing to the safety and protection of children and young people. Specific responsibilities for each group of the Preschool community are further explained in the "Child Protection Responsibilities" section of our Child Safe Program Policy.

Reporting Child Protection Concerns

Our Child Safe Program Policy provides detailed guidance for all members of the Preschool community as to how to identify key risk indicators of child abuse and how to report child abuse concerns to one of our Preschool's nominated Child Protection Officers. It also contains detailed procedures with respect to the reporting of child abuse incidents to relevant external authorities.

Staff, volunteers, third party contractors, external education providers, children, parents/carers or other community members who have concerns that a child or young person may be subject to abuse are asked to

contact one of the Preschool's Child Protection Investigators.

Communications will be treated confidentially and on a "need to know" basis, that is, only those people or agencies who need to know about the concerns to address the situation will have that information shared with them.

Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger, the Police should be called on 000.