

Kingston's commitment to Child Safety & Wellbeing



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Council acknowledges that the safety, wellbeing and best interests of children and young people are paramount.

- ✓ Council is committed to providing children and young people with an environment which promotes and protects their health, safety and wellbeing, at all times.
- ✓ Council supports, values and respects all children and young people, and is committed to their safety, participation and empowerment.
- ✓ Council is committed to providing a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are respected and valued.
- ✓ Council will treat all children and young people with dignity and respect. Council will provide a safe and inclusive environment for the diverse needs of all children and young people including children and young people with disability, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children who are unable to live at home, and children and young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex. Furthermore, the right to protection is irrespective of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religious beliefs, ability or family background.
- ✓ Council is committed to providing welcoming, safe and accessible environments where children feel valued, empowered and consulted about the decisions that affect their lives. Decision making is informed by Council's commitment to remove or reduce the risk of child abuse and harm.
- ✓ Council has zero tolerance for all forms of child abuse and harm against children and young people, and all allegations of child abuse and harm will be treated seriously in accordance with Council's policies and procedures. Council will champion a culture of safety and utilise policies, procedures and practices to support children and young people, families and the community.
- ✓ Council welcomes and encourages children, young people, parents, carers, families and the community to be engaged in promoting a child safe environment, to provide feedback and build the capacity of children and young people to understand their rights and responsibilities.

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Chief Executive Officer

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