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APPENDIX A:

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Eastern Ranges School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people and has a zero tolerance approach to child abuse. The rights of young people are considered when decisions are made that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and / or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

In our planning, decision making and operations, Eastern Ranges School will:

1. take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
2. value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
3. foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks or harm to children;
4. respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
5. provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
6. engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development.
7. ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and are supported with alternative communication methods to express their concerns and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues;
8. report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities;
9. share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk;
10. value the input of, and communicate regularly, with families and carers.