

Keiraview Child Safe Commitment Statement

We believe that all people are made in the image of God, and that our relationships with each other should express love, integrity, compassion and respect.

We believe everyone has a right to feel and be safe. We are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable people involved with Keiraview's activities and ministries.

We have zero tolerance for any form of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Any allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

We will listen to the views of children and young people and encourage their active participation in the life of our church. We empower children to understand their rights and encourage them to speak up about their safety or any concerns they may have.

We are committed to the safety for all children, be they from First Nation, culturally diverse and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds. We will provide a safe environment for all children, including those with disabilities.

We will identify our risk areas and continuously develop strategies that aim to prevent and minimise risks to children and young people. Every person involved in our church 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.

Our church is dedicated to educating our staff, volunteers, and members on child abuse risks. This includes a Code of Conduct for our leaders, staff, and volunteers, guidelines for activities with children and young people, and robust recruitment processes to ensure all staff and volunteers undergo appropriate screening, including Working With Children Checks (WWCC). We are committed to good recruitment, education, and fulfilling our legal responsibilities through our various policies and codes.

We will regularly review and update our child safety practices and policies. We welcome feedback from anyone with an interest in this commitment, including children. If you would like further information, or to give feedback, please contact any member of the Keiraview Safe Church Team.