

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety



Learning Co-operative is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families, who are a good match with the school's philosophy, and approach to teaching and learning.

We value diversity amongst our enrolled student population and the wider school community.

We believe it is important that families and students participate in decisions regarding child safety and wellbeing matters that affect their child.

We are committed to creating and maintaining a school in which all children and young people are safe and feel safe. Learning Co-operative has **zero tolerance** for child abuse and takes steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environment.

We proactively identify and manage any risk of harm to students in our school and when child safety concerns are raised or identified, we treat these seriously and respond promptly and thoroughly.

We promote positive relationships between students and adults and between students and their peers. These relationships are based on trust and respect.

We recognise that groups more vulnerable or at risk from harm may include:

- Aboriginal students
- Students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Students with disabilities
- Students unable to live at home
- Students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender diverse, intersex and queer (LGBTQI +)
- Students experiencing risk or vulnerability.

Inappropriate or harmful behaviour which deliberately targets students based on personal characteristics, values or beliefs is not tolerated at our school and any instances will be addressed with appropriate consequences.

Child safety is a shared responsibility and every person involved in our school has an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and is expected to promptly raise any issues or concerns about a child's safety.

We are committed to regularly reviewing our child safe practices and seeking input from our students, families, staff and community to inform our ongoing strategies.