

# THE QUIET PROJECT

## Child Safe Statement

ABN: 61 456 550 675

## Our Commitment to Child Safety

The Quiet Project is committed to creating environments where children and young people are safe, respected, heard and valued.

We believe every child has the right to participate in our projects free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, discrimination, bullying and harm. The safety and wellbeing of children and young people is our highest priority and underpins every aspect of our work.

The Quiet Project is committed to promoting the rights of children and ensuring that all interactions with children are guided by respect, dignity, inclusion and care.

## Our Commitment

- Provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for children and young people.
- Listen to and respect the views, wishes and concerns of children and young people.
- Promote a culture where child safety is everyone's responsibility.
- Take all reasonable steps to prevent child abuse, grooming, exploitation and neglect.
- Act immediately on any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child.
- Comply with applicable Australian child protection, child safeguarding and privacy legislation and relevant state or territory requirements.
- Respect the cultural safety, identity and diversity of all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disability, and children who identify as LGBTQIA+.
- Support the participation of children and young people in decisions that affect them.
- Protect personal information collected from children and families.

## Working with Children

Anyone representing The Quiet Project who works directly with children or young people is expected to:

- Treat every child with dignity and respect.
- Maintain professional boundaries at all times.
- Obtain appropriate consent before recording, photographing or interviewing children.
- Respect the wishes of parents, carers and schools regarding participation.
- Never place a child in situations that could reasonably be considered unsafe.
- Report any concerns regarding child safety through appropriate channels.

Where required by law or by a partner organisation, representatives of The Quiet Project will hold and maintain a valid Working with Children Check or equivalent clearance applicable to the jurisdiction in which the work is undertaken.

## Digital Storytelling and Media

The Quiet Project recognises that digital media creates unique responsibilities.

Before publishing content involving children, we will:

- Obtain informed written consent from a parent or legal guardian and, wherever appropriate, the child's own agreement (assent).
- Explain how recordings, photographs or stories may be used.
- Respect any restrictions requested by parents, guardians, schools or participants.
- Avoid publishing information that could unnecessarily identify or place a child at risk.
- Remove or modify content where appropriate if concerns arise about a child's safety or wellbeing.

## **Responding to Concerns**

The Quiet Project encourages anyone who has concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child to report those concerns promptly.

All concerns will be taken seriously, treated respectfully and managed in accordance with applicable legal obligations and organisational procedures.

Where required by law, concerns will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

## **Our Child Safe Culture**

The Quiet Project is committed to continually improving our child-safe practices through:

- Ongoing review of our policies and procedures.
- Training and awareness for staff, volunteers and contractors.
- Risk assessment for projects involving children.
- Consultation with schools, families and community organisations.
- Regular review of our media, consent and privacy practices.

Child safety is embedded in our planning, decision-making and storytelling practices.

## **Statement of Commitment**

The Quiet Project is committed to maintaining a culture where children and young people are respected, protected and empowered.

We recognise that safeguarding children is a shared responsibility and expect everyone representing The Quiet Project to uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism and care.

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