



A Statement of Commitment to Child Safety by Sutherland Presbyterian Church Preschool - May 2024

Sutherland Presbyterian Church Preschool is committed to the protection and care of the children in our care. We know that children will learn best when they feel safe, respected and heard. Our aim is to create a learning environment where there is a clear commitment to the safety, respect and agency of all children at all times.

We believe that children are entitled to:

- ★ Be and feel safe at all times.
- ★ To feel heard and listened to about matters that are important to them and that affect their well being.

The preschool educators, staff and management of Sutherland Presbyterian Church Preschool will:

- Develop our awareness and understanding of the ten Child Safe Standards and how they can be integrated into our preschool community.
- Ensure we remain up to date with current standards relating to child safety and child protection
- Be engaged in continual reflection and improvement of our practices and will update our policies and practices as necessary.
- Promote the Child Safe standards to our preschool community including the church and families.

This will occur through:

- Creating a standing item on the Preschool Management Committee meetings and Preschool Educator (Staff) meetings where the Child Safe Standards will be discussed and planned for.
- The Director will provide accountability and updates through reports to the Preschool Management Committee, the Annual Church Meeting and The Approved Provider Quarterly Report.
- At item on the preschool Quality Improvement Plan.
- Staff processes such as a rigorous child safe focussed recruitment & WWCC process and induction for new staff.
- Information for families through the preschool website, email, and in the Welcome pack for new families.