



COMMITMENT TO THE CULTURAL SAFETY OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Glass Street Kindergarten is committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal¹ children as outlined in Glass Street Kindergarten's Child Safe Environment and Wellbeing Policy and detailed below.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Commitment to the Cultural Safety of Aboriginal Children is to document the commitment of Glass Street Kindergarten in providing Aboriginal children with a "safe, nurturing and positive environment where they are comfortable with being themselves, expressing their culture.....their spiritual and belief systems"², and they are supported by Glass Street Kindergarten who respects their Aboriginality and therefore encourages their sense of self and identity.

OUR COMMITMENT

Glass Street Kindergarten is committed to:

- actively supporting and facilitating participation and inclusion within our service by Aboriginal children, young people and their families
- the safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children
- Aboriginal children having an education that strengthens their culture and identity
- actively supporting and encouraging Aboriginal children to express their culture and enjoy their cultural rights
- Aboriginal children and their families identifying as Aboriginal without fear of retribution or questioning
- supporting Aboriginal children in maintaining connection to their kinship ties, land and country
- supporting Aboriginal children to be taught their cultural heritage by Elders
- providing regular training and education to our community, including staff, on cultural safety and Aboriginal culture
- establishing policies, procedures, systems and processes to create a culturally safe and inclusive environment that meet the needs of Aboriginal children, young people and their families.

¹ The term 'Aboriginal' is inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

² Source: SNAICC – National Voice for our Children (SNAICC), Cultural Safety, 2021.