

## Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Safety

Living & Learning Pakenham Inc. (LLP) is dedicated to safeguard and protect children who come into contact with anyone from our organisation, onsite and offsite where our programs or activities may be held.

- LLP has zero tolerance for child abuse
- Actively works to listen and empower children
- Has systems in place to protect children from abuse and will take allegations very seriously and will respond consistently in line with the organisations policies and procedures
- Is committed to promoting cultural safety of aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, cultural safety of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

Although LLP is mostly an adult focussed organisation, our commitment to the safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is paramount.

Living & Learning Pakenham Inc. is committed to ensure that;

- Staff are culturally competent
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander children view LLP as a safe space, and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander children have a voice

To ensure that the staff are culturally competent, LLP will encourage staff to keep informed and up to date with any cultural awareness and understanding training.

To provide a space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to feel safe, by having a cultural display, the children will feel accepted and respected and develop trust with the staff at LLP.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will be heard by the staff at LLP, ensuring they are approachable and trained to respond appropriately to any information a child may disclose.