



## PARK ORCHARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Statement of Commitment

#### Child Safe Standard 2

#### STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY AND CHILD SAFETY PRINCIPLES

P.O.P.S is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

The school's approach to creating and maintaining a child safe school environment is guided by our school philosophy and values.

At P.O.P.S our vision is 'To educate and nurture the whole child through quality learning and personal development programs which provide students with the necessary skills, values and behaviours to achieve throughout their lives.' We know children can struggle to achieve their personal best if they are not safe from abuse.

At P.O.P.S our values guide the decisions and behaviours of all members of our school community, including in relation to child safety. All students, staff and parents strive to uphold the school values and reflect them through the five Poppy Tribes Agreements:

- Strive for your personal best (**Excellence**)
- Demonstrate mutual respect for yourself and others (**Respect**)
- Attentively listen (**Respect**)
- Actively participate and you have the right to pass (**Responsibility**)
- Express appreciation and do not put down others (**Integrity**)

#### **P.O.P.S has zero tolerance for child abuse.**

We are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, procedures, strategies and practices will be inclusive of the needs of all children, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable.

**Every person involved in P.O.P.S has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.**

#### **CHILD SAFETY PRINCIPLES**

**In its planning, decision-making and operations, P.O.P.S will:**

1. Take a preventative, proactive and participatory approach to child safety;
2. Value and empower children to participate in decisions which affect their lives;
3. Foster a culture of openness that supports all persons to safely disclose risks of harm to children;
4. Respect diversity in cultures and child rearing practices while keeping child safety paramount;
5. Provide written guidance on appropriate conduct and behaviour towards children;
6. Engage only the most suitable people to work with children and have high quality staff and volunteer supervision and professional development;
7. Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such concerns;
8. Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities;
9. Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk; and
10. Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers