

RSCCC Public Statement of Commitment to the Cultural Safety of Aboriginal Children

Cultural safety is about how an organisation is experienced by Aboriginal people, and in particular by Aboriginal children. Creating a culturally safe environment is about developing relationships and actively creating opportunities for Aboriginal voice and presence in an organisation's planning, policies and activities¹

¹ (Commission for Children and Young People, *Tip Sheet: Child Safe Organisations* www.ccp.vic.gov.au)

RSCCC is committed to:

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



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