



## Cultural Awareness of Child Safe Issues Statement

At Wild Cherry School we believe that the safety of children is dependent on the existence of a child safe culture within our school community. We have developed the following work systems, practices, policies and procedures designed to create a child safe culture including:

- a holistic approach to child protection through this **Child Safe Program**;
- the appointment of the School's **Child Safety Officer**;
- establishing key child protection principles in our **Child Safe Policy**;
- establishing clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with students through our **Child Safe Code of Conduct** policies;
- educating our staff through our **Child Safe Training**;
- clear procedures for **reporting** alleged or suspected incidents of child abuse in our **Child Safe Reporting** policy;
- student wellbeing support program that supports the spiritual, emotional and social well-being of children as outlined in the **Child Safe Participation and Empowerment Policy**;
- recognition that children from **culturally diverse backgrounds** have the right to special care and support including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children as outlined in the **Child Safe Participation and Empowerment Policy**;
- recognition that children who have any **kind of disability** have the right to special care and support as outlined in the **Child Safe Participation and Empowerment Policy**; and
- clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of personnel involved in protecting children through our **Child Safe Code of Conduct, Child Safe Reporting Policy and Recruitment Policy**.