

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety and Wellbeing

Yarraville Community Centre (YCC) is committed to promoting and protecting the interests and safety of children, all staff, students, volunteers, and contractors are responsible for this by adhering to this Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy.

All children who come to YCC have a right to feel and be safe. The welfare of the children in our care will always be our priority and we have a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and harm. We aim to create a child safe and child-friendly environment where children feel safe and valued.

YCC is committed to implementing and abiding by our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy based on the Child Safe Standards in Victoria (2022), which highlights our zero tolerance for child abuse and raising awareness about the importance of child safety both at YCC and in the community. YCC will embed the eleven Child Safety Standards into all of our applicable policies and procedures.

YCC stands by our mandatory reporting responsibilities to protect children from physical, sexual, emotional, and psychological abuse and neglect. Everyone working and volunteering at YCC is responsible for the care and protection of children.

YCC values and champions cultural diversity and will not tolerate any discriminatory practices based upon a child's cultural background.

YCC is dedicated to promoting cultural safety for Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and providing a safe environment for children living with a disability.

YCC is committed to ongoing professional development for educators and staff to maintain their ability to distinguish and respond to situations of abuse and neglect, ensuring educators and staff are responsive to their responsibilities in keeping children safe.