

Declaration of Commitment to Child Safe Standards

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About this form:

West Ryde Community Church (WRCC) is committed to the safety of all people who attend its activities and services, particularly children. We are interested in the approach to child safety taken by any entity that uses our premises or facilities.

The purpose of this form is to seek your commitment to uphold the Child Safe Standards identified by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The NSW Office of Children's Guardian (NSWOCG) has recently indicated that it will introduce legislation to make the Child Safe Standards mandatory for organisations that provide services to children. NSWOCG has indicated that compliance with the Child Safe Standards will be mandatory for any organisation where at least one worker is required to hold a Working with Children Check.

Please confirm your organisation's commitment to upholding the Child Safe Standards by completing the declaration below.

We are available to discuss the implementation of the Child Safe Standards with you. We are thankful for the services you provide to the community and we look forward to connections between the church and your organisation.

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Part 1: Declaration			
Organisation:			
<p>The Organisation commits to uphold the following Child Safe Standards¹:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child safety is embedded in institutional leadership, governance and culture 2. Children participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously 3. Families and communities are informed and involved 4. Equity is upheld, and diverse needs are taken into account 5. People working with children are suitable and supported 6. Processes to respond to complaints of child sexual abuse are child-focused 7. Staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through continual education and training 8. Physical and online environments minimise the opportunity for abuse to occur 9. Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is continuously reviewed and improved 10. Policies and procedures document how the institution is child safe. <p>The Organisation understands and accepts that compliance with the Child Safe Standards is a condition of any lease or licence to occupy or otherwise use any property or facilities of WRCC.</p>			
Name:		Position:	
Signature:		Date:	

¹ For more information about the Child Safe Standards please see <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/become-a-child-safe-organisation/child-safe-standards>.