

Child Safe Newsletter

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Dear Staff and volunteers

I hope you are all enjoying the children and young people being back in the classroom.

In this newsletter there is some information on the United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child and a brief message about Naidoc Week– 8 to 15 November 2020

Lesley Nallawalla
Child Safety Officer

Remember child safety is everyone's responsibility.

The main international human rights treaty on children's rights is the [Convention on the Rights of the Child \(CRC\)](#), which Australia ratified in December 1990.

Wyndham CEC's Commitment to Child Safety

Wyndham CEC is committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

The four Guiding Principles of the CRC are:

- respect for the best interests of the child as a primary consideration
- the right to survival and development
- the right of all children to express their views freely on all matters affecting them
- the right of all children to enjoy all the rights of the CRC without discrimination of any kind.

Below is a you tube clip designed for children to educate them about these guiding Principles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHNfaPuoZHM>

A Naidoc message from Child Wise

"This message is coming to you from Toorabul country in Queensland. Last week was Naidoc, and as you know, the theme was "Always Was. Always Will Be." What does this have to do with keeping children safe? Absolutely everything. Land and culture are the keystones of identity for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. Identity, its expression and its practice are the foundation on which kids safety, and importantly their self esteem, can be scaffolded.

What's the message? BE CURIOUS. Inquire about a child's identity and what's important to them. Show them that you value it"

Natalie Siegal-Brown

Child Wise Managing Director

**Children are the
world's most valuable
resource and its best
hope for the future.**

John F. Kennedy