



AG ECS

The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies would like to acknowledge both the Bunurong/Boon Wurrung, and Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the Lands on which we are located in Melbourne. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge the Aboriginal language groups across all of Victoria, whose lands we provide funding for specific projects around Early Childhood Education. We acknowledge their history, their people, and their stories. As an Association we will work together for reconciliation, a process that starts with the acknowledgement of true Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures of Australia, and will always value the contribution to our community and culture, the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their families, communities and their stories.

Child Safety and Wellbeing Commitment statement

“AG ECS will promote:

1. the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, and the Commission for Children and Young People
2. the importance and requirements of child safe procedures in all early childhood and care (ECEC) environments
3. the protection of children involved in early childhood programs from all forms of abuse, including physical, emotional, sexual, and neglect
4. information about providing for the physical and cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with a disability
5. the appropriate and safe use of images of children and the use of technology in ECEC programs

This statement of commitment will be used by AG ECS when making decisions regarding procurement of presenters, content in our publications, grant applications, and other organisational decisions that may occur.”

Resources:

[National Principles of Child Safe Organisations](#)

[Child Safety Standards, eSafety Commissioner](#)

[SNAICC’s Keeping our kids safe: Cultural safety and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations](#)

For questions about this Statement, contact the President.

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