# visitor agreement

Affirmation Station is Melbourne's trans-led community hub, opshop and gender support centre.

This very special space was created to celebrate trans, non-binary and gender diverse (TGD) people, offering a place to explore gender, connect with like-minded pals, seek support, and just be. Read our agreement below to ensure you are upholding our safe space guidelines.

### Before entering our space, we ask you to read and agree to the following:

# this is a trans, gender diverse and non-binary space

- Affirmation Station is a space created for, by and with TGD people.
- There's no such thing as being "trans enough" – if you feel this space is for you, we welcome you.
- Allies are welcome too! We just ask you to be a good ally as you utilise the space.

### respect everyone here

- Do your best to use correct names and pronouns – if you're not sure, ask.
- No bullying, speaking over others, or putting people down. Speak kindly to everyone.
- Avoid assumptions about someone's gender, body, sexuality, or lived experience.
- Transphobia (including jokes, slurs, or invalidation) will not be tolerated.

### look after yourself

- Everyone is responsible for their own wellbeing.
- Please regulate in ways that feel right for you – this might include stimming, wearing headphones, or stepping outside for a break.
- If there is anything we can do to help, please ask.

### share mindfully

- We love connection and community but Affirmation Station isn't a crisis centre or therapy session.
- Avoid sharing highly personal or traumatic experiences within the space.
- If you would like a referral to a
  psychologist or trans peer support
  group, feel free to make an appointment
  with our Peer Navigator or ask our
  lovely staff about other resources.

### respect the space

- Be gentle with our clothes, furniture,
  and resources this is a shared space.
- Welcome to utilise the kitchen space for tea/coffee but we don't have a cleaning fairy so we ask that everyone cleans up after themselves.

# need help? feeling unsafe?

- If something makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, please let a staff member or volunteer know.
- If someone intentionally and/or repeatedly violates our visitor agreement then they will be asked to leave to ensure everyone else in the space is safe and comfortable.

## acknowledgement of country

Affirmation Station acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the custodians of the stolen land on which we work, gather, and connect. We pay our deepest respects to Elders past and present, and we honour the ongoing sovereignty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the trans and gender diverse Elders, past and present, who have led the way in creating safer futures for our communities. Your courage, advocacy, and truth have paved the way for us to experience the joy, connection, and celebration that lives within our very special Affirmation Station today.