

# Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

## Our Commitment to Child Safety

Every child and young person has the right to feel safe and be heard.

At Sexual Assault Support Service (SASS), we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child and young person.

We are committed to creating environments that are safe, welcoming and inclusive for children, young people and families.

## What does being child safe mean?

Being child safe means we work to make sure children and young people:

- ✓ feel safe and respected
- ✓ are listened to
- ✓ know their rights
- ✓ have trusted adults they can talk to
- ✓ get help when something does not feel right

## To help keep children safe, we:

- ✓ work to create safe and inclusive environments for children and young people across our services, programs and communication
- ✓ support people to understand what it means to be a child safe organisation
- ✓ work to prevent, identify and respond to concerns about child safety
- ✓ respond carefully and appropriately when concerns are raised
- ✓ continue learning and improving our child safe practices through feedback and reflection

## In our work with children and young people, we will:

- ✓ work together with children, families, communities and other organisations to support safety and wellbeing
- ✓ support children and young people to participate in decisions that affect them
- ✓ encourage children and young people to speak up if something feels wrong, unsafe or uncomfortable
- ✓ listen carefully and take concerns seriously

## If something does not feel right

Children and young people can:

- talk to a trusted adult
- speak with a SASS staff member
- bring a parent, carer or support person
- ask questions or get help

We will listen, take concerns seriously and work to help keep people safe.

We believe children and young people should be listened to and involved in decisions that affect them.