

# STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SAFETY AND WELLBEING

At The Rainforest School, student safety and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. Guided by our mission to provide a child-centred, holistic education and our vision of being a home-away-from-home where confidence, authentic relationships, and a love of learning and nature are deeply embedded, we are committed to taking all reasonable steps we are committed to taking all reasonable steps to protect every student, and all children and young people in our care, from foreseeable harm. We do not tolerate any form of child abuse, neglect, or misconduct.

Grounded in our pillars of Connection, Community, Conservation, and Creativity, and supported by our school rules relating to safety, respect, and learning, we foster a culture where each child feels safe, valued, and able to thrive.

Our school acts in accordance with the Child Safe Organisations Act 2024 (Qld) and implements the Child Safe Standards and the Universal Principle to ensure a safe, inclusive, empowering, and accountable environment.

We listen to students, value their perspectives, and encourage them to participate in decisions that affect them. Students are supported to speak up, ask questions, raise concerns, and trust that they will be heard and taken seriously.

We are committed to the safety and inclusion of all students, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, students with disability, LGBTQIA+ students, and students who may be experiencing vulnerability. We make a clear and explicit commitment to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by recognising their histories, strengths, identities, and living cultures, and by ensuring that our environment promotes belonging, respect, and safety.

We uphold our responsibilities by:

- Embedding child safety and wellbeing into our culture, governance, and everyday practice.
- Ensuring our governing body, leadership team, staff, volunteers, and contractors understand and fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities.
- Implementing safe recruitment, ongoing training, active supervision, and transparent reporting processes aligned with the Child Safe Standards.
- Working in partnership with parents, carers, students, and our broader community including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to uphold a strong, visible child-safe culture.
- Making this Statement of Commitment visible and accessible across our school, including through child-friendly versions for students of different ages and abilities.

Through this Statement of Commitment, The Rainforest School affirms its dedication to creating and maintaining a safe, respectful, and empowering environment where all children can flourish. Our school setting fosters deep connection — and with connection comes shared responsibility for safeguarding the wellbeing of every student.

| VERSION | APPROVED BY                            | DATE       | REVIEW        |
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| 1.      | Governing Body – The Rainforest School | 29/12/2025 | December 2026 |