

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Our Service is committed to providing a safe environment for children and young people where they can come & enjoy their sport/hobby while feeling safe & nurtured. We understand our responsibilities and statutory duty of care to comply with the Child Safe Standards.

Our Service is committed to implementing and abiding by our *Child Safe Environment Policy* incorporating the National Child Safe Standards (2022), which accentuates our *zero tolerance* for child abuse and raising awareness about the importance of child safety in our Service and the community.

We are dedicated to protecting children and promote a child safe environment, maintaining children's wellbeing. We adhere to our comprehensive *Child Protection Policy*.

We work to ensure there is clear awareness between appropriate and inappropriate behaviour concerning adults and children. We require clear precincts between children and employees, volunteers and the community to maintain children's safety.

We are dedicated to promoting cultural safety for all children and young people, including children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe and inclusive environment for children with a disability. We believe all children are unique and have the right to be protected.

We value diversity and do not tolerate any discriminatory practices.

We will ensure our staff are responsive to their responsibilities in keeping children safe.

As a Dance Studio we are trying to create another safe place for children, a 'home away from home'. As teachers we listen to & empower all our students to act on any concerns themselves or others may raise when under our studio roof. We value the input of & communicate regularly with families & review our policies/procedures to ensure we are doing the best we can for every child.

Any staff member at MF Dance Studio must provide their Working with Children Check below & it must be in date. If this is not included then they will not step onto our studio premises.