



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Prahran Community Learning Centre Inc. (*hereafter known as PCLC*) is resolutely committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of its students. Our organisational culture of child safety and wellbeing is a shared responsibility requiring commitment from our Committee of Management, Leadership Team, staff, contractors and volunteers. PCLC acknowledges through its policies, practices and procedures the fundamental right of all children and adolescents to be respected, nurtured and safeguarded from any and every form of harm regardless of their gender, race, religious beliefs, age, disability, sexual orientation, or family or social background. **PCLC HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CHILD ABUSE.**

In maintaining the strictest standards, PCLC has established processes to ensure its policies, procedures and practices are aligned with the relevant legislative requirements, are regularly monitored and frequently appraised to uphold compliance with these requirements. PCLC will enjoin, encourage and enable staff, parents, carers and students to understand, identify, and report any matters that relate to child safety.

In maintaining a child-safe environment, PCLC will work in conjunction with the Department of Education and Training (DET), the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA), and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to improve child protection. This will be done through the promotion and implementation of the Victorian compulsory Minimum Child Safe Standards and other relevant legislative obligations emanating from associated recommendations. These may come from organisations such as:

- The Australian Government Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the handlings of Child Abuse by religious and other organisations (culminating in the report titled “Betrayal of Trust”)

Mandatory reporting is a legal requirement under the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 (Vic) to protect children from harm relating to physical injury and sexual abuse. The PCLC Mandatory Reporting and Child Protection Policies provide staff, contractors and volunteers with their specific responsibilities with respect to mandatory reporting and duty of care obligations.

I hereby agree to abide by this statement and comply with PCLC’s Child Safe protocols and accords.

Employee Name

Angela Stathopoulos

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Employee Title

Principal Executive Officer