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*"help me to do it myself"*

## **Armidale Montessori Preschool's Commitment to Child Safety**

All children who come to Armidale Montessori Preschool have a right to feel and be safe.

We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children.

We are committed to providing a child-safe and child-friendly environment, where children are safe and feel safe, and are able to have input into decisions that affect their lives.

We believe all children have an equal right to attend a service that respects them as individuals and encourages them to reach their potential, regardless of their background.

We are committed to upholding the rights of every child who attends our service, including the right to be kept safe and protected from harm, to be listened to and to be heard.

We have zero tolerance for child abuse and other harm, and we are committed to acting in a child's best interests and keeping them safe.

The Preschool regards its child protection responsibilities as of utmost importance and is committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations, and the maintenance of a child-safe culture. All our staff hold qualifications in Child Protection, with regular refreshers undertaken to keep abreast of changes to legislation.

Our guiding principles and Child Safeguarding Procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure compliance and best practice and apply to everyone in our organisation.

Each member of the Preschool community has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role that they play, individually and collectively, to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all students is at the forefront of all that they do, and every decision that they make.