



## CHILD SAFETY STATEMENT

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### Our Commitment to Child Safety

At **New Hope Church Brisbane**, we are committed to creating a church where every child and young person is **safe, valued, respected and heard**.

The safety and wellbeing of children is central to everything we do. We believe every child has the right to participate in church life free from abuse, harm, neglect, bullying, grooming and exploitation. We have **zero tolerance for child abuse** and take every concern, disclosure and allegation seriously.

#### Our Commitment: We will

- ✓ Create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for every child and young person.
- ✓ Listen to children, value their voices and encourage them to speak up if something doesn't feel right.
- ✓ Treat every child with dignity, fairness and respect.
- ✓ Recruit, screen, train and support suitable leaders and volunteers.
- ✓ Maintain clear child safety policies, procedures and codes of conduct.
- ✓ Respond promptly, fairly and appropriately to all child safety concerns.
- ✓ Comply with the Queensland Child Safe Standards, the Queensland Reportable Conduct Scheme, and all relevant child protection legislation.
- ✓ Continually review and improve our child safety practices.

#### Working Together: Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

We work in partnership with:

- Children and young people
- Parents and carers
- Volunteers and staff
- Church leaders
- The wider community

to create an environment where every child can grow in faith safely and confidently.

**If You Have a Concern** If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person:

**Speak immediately with our Child Safety Officer or a Pastor.** If a child is in **immediate danger**, contact **Queensland Police on 000**.

All concerns will be treated seriously, handled respectfully and responded to in accordance with New Hope Church Brisbane's Child & Youth Risk Policy and Queensland legislation.