Child Safety

Whitelion's commitment to safety for children & young people



Introducing Whitelion

Whitelion is a community organisation helping young people find the pride, courage and opportunities to change their lives.

Commitment to child safety

Some of the children and young people Whitelion support have experienced trauma or physical, mental or environmental life circumstances that make them vulnerable to negative influences, abuse or people who may take advantage of them.

Whitelion is committed to preventing any danger to children and young people who engage with our services. We do this by constantly working on creating a safe, empowering and respectful culture.

Whitelion is also alert to the need for cultural and spiritual safety. Young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, newly arrived residents, or those from culturally and linguistically diverse families should expect Whitelion to be respectful of difference, open to learning how to adapt practice and promote connection to community of origin or choice.

Importantly, Whitelion is committed to creating an environment where LGBTIQ+ young people feel welcomed, understood and accepted.



Some of the ways Whitelion creates a safe culture for children & young people

CODE OF CONDUCT

All board members, staff, students and volunteers sign a code of conduct pledging commitment to the physical, emotional and environmental safety of clients.

MANDATORY SCREENING CHECKS

All staff, students and volunteers must complete mandatory Crim Checks and screening checks before commencing work with clients.

FEEDBACK

We seek formal feedback from each client, as well as providing a range of options for making a complaint All complaints and feedback present an opportunity to critically analyse our work and address any gaps in child safety.

ZERO TOLERANCE

We have a zero tolerance child safe policy, meaning we refuse to accept any behaviour that makes a client physically, emotionally, or environmentally unsafe

JOINT GOAL SETTING

We empower young people to choose how Whitelion works with them by encouraging their participation in goal setting and case planning.