



OUR COMMITMENT TO

Child safety & wellbeing

Cooee Speech Pathology is committed to the safety, wellbeing and empowerment of **every child and young person in our care**. We have zero tolerance for child abuse, harm, neglect or exploitation of any kind.

Many of the children we work with have communication difficulties, disability or additional needs. We recognise this can make a child more vulnerable, and we are committed to making sure every child feels **safe, respected, listened to and valued**.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO

-  **Putting children first**
The safety, wellbeing and best interests of children guide everything we do.
-  **Respect and dignity**
We uphold every child's right to safety, privacy and dignity.
-  **A safe and supported team**
Everyone who works with us is carefully recruited and screened, and must follow our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and Code of Conduct.
-  **Acting on concerns**
Any concern about a child's safety is taken seriously, responded to promptly, and reported to the relevant authorities where required.
-  **Listening to children**
We take what children tell us seriously and support every child to communicate in the way that works best for them.
-  **Equity and inclusion**
We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all children — including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children with disability, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children who identify as LGBTIQ+.
-  **Working with families**
We partner with families, carers and communities to keep children safe and well.
-  **Continual improvement**
We regularly review and strengthen our child safe practices.

Speak up — tell us if something isn't right

If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child at Cooee Speech Pathology, please talk to us. You can contact our Child Safety contact at any time.

Call 000

If a child is in **immediate danger**, call the Police on **000**. You can also report concerns to the Queensland Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services — **Child Safety After Hours: 1800 177 135**.

OUR CHILD SAFETY CONTACT

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