



## CHILD SAFETY STATEMENT

The National Capital Authority (NCA) manages and provides education programs at the National Capital Exhibition, Blundells Cottage, the National Carillon, Anzac Parade, Reconciliation Place and other sites within the National Triangle in Canberra. The NCA is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people who visit these sites or take part in an NCA program.

The NCA has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to providing an environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe. The NCA complies with the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework.

Staff and volunteers understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people taking part in programs provided by the NCA.

In relation to the planning and presentation of programs for schools and/or families, the NCA:

1. Follows applicable requirements set by the ACT and Commonwealth Governments regarding Child Safety, notably the Commonwealth Child Safety Framework.
2. Ensures all staff and volunteers who present programs to school groups and/or families have undertaken criminal history record checks as part of their initial employment check, and hold current ACT *Working with Vulnerable People* cards.
3. Ensures all staff and volunteers have their *Working with Vulnerable People* card available for inspection. If their card cannot be produced, the staff member or volunteer will not be permitted to conduct tours, learning programs or family activities.
4. Ensures an up-to-date register is kept of all *Working with Vulnerable People* cards held by staff and volunteers, which is checked on a regular basis by the Exhibition and Visitor Services Coordinator and volunteer Coordinator.

In the event of a reportable incident, the NCA will work with schools and tour operators to ensure that notification of all applicable parties occurs.

The NCA confirms it has adopted and implemented the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and has conducted a recent child safety risk assessment including reviewing relevant strategies to manage identified risks.

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