

Child Safe Statement

Belgrave Heights Convention (BHC) is committed to welcoming children, including Aboriginal children, and their carers to participate in its child and youth programs and events. BHC is committed to establishing a child-safe environment, culture and programs for children and other vulnerable people who come to our property or participate in our events. We see such a commitment as flowing naturally from our vision and mission to live according to Biblical principles, recognising the unique value and potential of every person and their diverse circumstances, regardless of race, age, gender, or ability. BHC has no tolerance for child abuse in any form.

We are committed to child safety because every child is made in the image of God (Genesis 5:1b; Psalm 139:13,14), and God makes no distinction between people based on any human characteristics (Acts 10:34,35; Romans 2:11). The church, as the body of Christ, is made up of all sorts of people – including all sorts of children – all who make the church what it is (1 Corinthians 12:12–18). When Jesus says: ‘Let the children come to me and don’t stop them’ (Matthew 19:14), he doesn’t specify what kind of children, and simply says, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me’ (Mark 9:37). And most significantly, Jesus says, ‘But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.’ (Matthew 18:6)