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Rationale:

EREA is committed to the creation of positive and robust child protection cultures, ensuring that all children who are a part of the EREA Network are safe and valued members of their school communities.

EREA has zero tolerance for child abuse and regards its child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance. EREA is committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations and to maintain

Policy Statement: Child abuse includes sexual offences, grooming, physical violence, serious family violence. EREA is committed to the protection of all children from all forms of child abuse and demonstrates this commitment through the implementation of a comprehensive Child Protection Program designed to keep children safe.

The purpose of this policy is to provide the overall framework for child protection within EREA. Specifically, the policy provides a statement of the overall goals of EREA to protect all children in the EREA network and keep them free from harm. The policy directs individuals to specific guidelines, processes and procedures that must be followed when a child is in need of protection. The policy aims to ensure that child protection is a paramount consideration in all EREA schools and entities.

Applicable To: All in EREA including its schools and entities.

Key Responsibilities: EREA Board  
The EREA Board has responsibility for approving the Child Protection Policy and to ensure that appropriate procedures and guidelines are in place to assist all to comply with the policy.

EREA Executive Director  
The Executive Director is responsible for ensuring that EREA complies with its legal, regulatory and procedural obligations through the implementation of this policy and the development of procedures and guidelines to be followed in adhering to this policy.

The Executive Director will ensure that sound governance and management practices are applied and that EREA meets the highest standards in relation to the protection of children.

The Executive Director will ensure that all who have the delegated responsibility to employ in EREA, screen employees in accord with relevant state or territory legislated requirements.

The Executive Director will ensure written reports regarding abuse or potential abuse of a child are received by EREA and promptly provided to a police officer and the relevant State Government Child Protection Department where this is required by legislation.

EREA Regional Directors and Chair Youth+  
The Regional Directors and the Chair Youth+ have a primary responsibility

Related Information: The EREA Statement of Commitment to Child Safety  
EREA Child Protection Program (NSW)  
EREA Child Protection Program (QLD)  
EREA Child Protection Program (SA)  
EREA Child Protection Program (VIC)  
TCEO Child Protection Program (TAS)  
EREA Child Protection Program (WA)  
EREA Child Protection Program (ACT)  
EREA Student Duty of Care Program  
EREA Code of Conduct  
Relevant Legislation in each State and Territory