



Summary:

- Today is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear colleagues

Today is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. It's a day to honour the strength, resilience and potential of First Nations children and acknowledge the vital role they play in shaping the future.

This year's theme, "Little Footsteps, Big Future", reminds us that every step a child takes is a step toward a future shaped by culture, community and possibility. These little footsteps carry the wisdom of ancestors, the stories of Country and the dreams of generations to come. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, culture is not just heritage – it's a living, breathing source of strength, belonging and wisdom.

Children's Day is a time to reflect on the challenges many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children continue to face and renew our commitment to creating environments where they feel safe and supported.

Every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, to be proud of who they are and to grow up surrounded by love, culture and opportunity.

As a hospital, we recognise that culturally safe care begins with listening, learning and building trust. Redcliffe Hospital is committed to creating an environment where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children feel seen, heard and valued – not just as patients, but as future leaders, carers and custodians of culture.

I encourage everyone to reflect on how we can:

- continue to provide culturally safe and welcoming care and build trust with families and communities,
- reaffirm our commitment to honouring the roles of families, Elders and community in nurturing children's wellbeing and

- provide holistic care that supports not only physical health but emotional, spiritual and cultural wellbeing.

Whether we are educators, health workers, or community leaders, we all have a role to play in uplifting and empowering the next generation.

Together, we walk alongside these little footsteps toward a stronger and healthier future.

Kind Regards

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