Aikido Victoria
(Aiki-Kai) Inc.
Part of the National Aikido Association of Australia
The first, and largest, Aikido association in Australia
Officially recognised by the Aikido World Headquarters

Child Safe Standards – Statement of Commitment

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Aikido Victoria is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young people who are involved in our martial art. Our policies and procedures seek to address risks to Child Safety and to establish Child Safe culture and practices.

In the planning, decision-making, and operations of classes and events involving children and young people, Aikido Victoria will:

1. Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are respected and valued.
2. Embed Child Safety and wellbeing in the organisation's leadership, governance and culture.
3. Empower children and young people about their rights and ensure they can participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
4. Ensure that all in the Aikido Victoria community are informed and involved in promoting Child Safety and wellbeing.
5. Ensure that equity is upheld, and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice.
6. Ensure that officials, instructors and assistant instructors and adult students training with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect Child Safety and wellbeing values in practice.
7. Have processes for complaints and concerns which are suitably focused for children and young people.
8. Officials, instructors, assistant instructors, and adult students are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
9. Maintain and create physical and online environments which promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
10. Implement Child Safe Standards and ensure they are regularly reviewed and improved.
11. Ensure that policies and procedures document how all dojos in the organisation are safe for children and young people.

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