



## St Laurence House – Statement of Reconciliation

St Laurence House acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the lands on which our services are provided.

We embrace the Vision of the Council of Aboriginal Reconciliation

*"A united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and provides justice and equity for all".*

We recognize Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first Australians. We are strongly committed to improving the lives of children and young people and to uphold the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to be cared for within their own communities.

We will develop policies and deliver services that are appropriate and relevant to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

We will work in positive and practical ways with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to achieve long term generational change for children, young people, families and communities.

We value and recognize Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage and will promote and raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues within St Laurence House and in the broader community.

We will demonstrate leadership in reconciliation.

St Laurence House actively supports reconciliation by working in a meaningful and respectful way with Aboriginal families and communities.

Our team acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.