



# **Peninsula Autism Friendship Group**

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# Youth Code of Conduct

## **INCLUSION**

Peninsula Autism Friendship Group is an inclusive community - we believe that every person attending our groups has the right to a safe and welcoming environment. Discriminating against other participants or mentors based on gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race or religion is not ok.

## **RESPECT**

Please be respectful to the other participants and mentors. If you are in a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable, then please let one of our mentors know.

Abusive language or behaviour towards another participant or mentor will not be tolerated.

## **FOOD**

You are welcome to bring along a snack, however the sharing of food is not permitted. As some of our participants have sensory difficulties around strong smelling food, please keep this in mind when choosing a snack to bring.

On Fridays food is only allowed in the main room at The Corner, and is not to be brought into the classroom or art room.

No food or drink is allowed to be brought to the Gravity Zone Social Group.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Please be respectful of the group equipment. If you notice that anything is damaged, let us know so we can fix it.

# Parent Code of Conduct

## RATIONALE

A Parent Code of Conduct helps to maintain an environment of respect throughout the Peninsula Autism Friendship Group (PAFG). All members of the PAFG community have a right to an environment free from harassment and to converse comfortably in a positive and co-operative manner.

## IMPLEMENTATION

As a Parent and/or Guardian we ask that you:

- Support your child/ren in all endeavours by giving praise and showing interest in group activities.
- Help your child/ren to understand that giving your best effort is important.
- Demonstrate that both parents and staff work together for the benefit of the children.
- Understand the importance of healthy relationships with other children in the group.
- Adhere to the group's policies
- Work in co-operation with the group to address any unacceptable behaviour shown by your child/ren.
- Support the group in its efforts to maintain a positive attitude.
- Inform the group of any issues that impact your child's wellbeing.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN RIGHTS

- To be treated with respect and courtesy by others parents.
- To be treated in a polite manner.
- To be respected by staff and members
- To have a timely response to concerns raised.
- To be listened to and clearly communicated with, in regard to their child's participation in the group.

## PARENT/GAURDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Use respectful language towards all staff and other members of the group community
- Remain calm and polite when communicating with other members of the group community.
- Under no circumstances approach another child to discuss or chastise them because of actions towards their own child/ren.
- Be aware that events have many sides, be prepared to listen to them and seek to verify facts before stating concern.

- Be mindful of what you say in order to respect the reputation of the group.
- Respect the preparation time before or after group, if there is an issue understand that it may take someone time to get back to you that is convenient for the facilitator and yourself.
- Do not discuss any grievances in front of your child/ren regarding the group.
- On excursions, helping in the group or on camps, parents must follow the instructions and wishes of the group.

## **CONCERNS**

If a parent/guardian has a complaint, criticism or concern, it is expected the following steps be followed in the first instance:

1. Speak to the person involved first and try to resolve the concern with mutual respect and clear communication
2. If for some reason this is not possible, then make an appointment to see a member of the Committee.
3. The Committee will arrange a meeting between the two parties involved and attempt to mediate and find a resolution.

# COVIDSafe Policy

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance will be recorded for each group session, for contact tracing as well as our own records.

**Please do not attend our groups if you are unwell.**

## **CLEANING**

Please make sure you are on time for pick up to enable our facilitators to clean between sessions, and to ensure no cross-over between groups.

## **HAND HYGIENE**

Please wash or sanitise your hands on arrival, as well as before and after taking part in an activity.

Hand sanitiser will be available at all of our groups.

## **EQUIPMENT**

We are minimising the sharing of equipment wherever possible.

When equipment does need to be shared, it will be wiped down between uses.

We ask that families at our Langwarrin sessions do not take out equipment from the cupboards themselves.