

Acknowledgement of Country

At Little Minds Play Studio, we respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, learn and play. We recognise the enduring connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to Country, waterways, skies, culture, community and each other.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are part of our communities today.

We acknowledge that Aboriginal peoples are the continuing custodians of the oldest living cultures in the world, with deep and ongoing traditions of knowledge, storytelling, connection, caring for Country and learning through generations. We recognise that these connections continue to shape communities, families and children across Australia.

For us at Little Minds, acknowledging Country is more than words. It is an opportunity to pause, listen and show respect for the place in which we live, work, gather and play. We believe that children learn through relationships — with people, with their communities and with the natural world around them. We see value in creating opportunities for children to develop a sense of belonging, respect and curiosity about the world they are growing up in.

Through play, exploration and connection with nature, we encourage children to notice the places around them, to care for their environment and to understand that every place has its own stories, histories and connections.

We recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are living, diverse and continuing cultures, and that there is no single Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander experience. We are committed to approaching Aboriginal perspectives with respect, care and humility, and to creating inclusive environments where all children and families feel welcomed and valued.

We also recognise the importance of children growing up with an understanding and respect for the history, cultures and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Where these perspectives are incorporated into our programs and experiences, we aim to do so thoughtfully and in ways that are age-appropriate, respectful and connected to genuine learning.

As a play-based organisation, we value the many ways children communicate, discover and make meaning of the world around them. We believe that fostering respect for Country, culture, community and one another can begin through the simple things children experience every day — noticing nature, caring for shared spaces, listening to stories, asking questions and developing a sense of connection and belonging.

Little Minds Play Studio is committed to continuing to learn, listen and reflect on how we can respectfully acknowledge and incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives within our practice.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and skies on which we come together, and honour their continuing connection to Country and culture.

We walk, learn and play with respect for Country.