



THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

OF CHILDREN



EMMA

Yr 5 - St Mary's Catholic School

Hi! I'M BISHOP

ANTHONY RANDAZZO

Did you know that you were made in the image and likeness of God, with unique beauty and dignity? God who created you, loves you very much.

It's my job to help you protect the beauty and dignity that belongs to every person.

Children in our Diocese of Broken Bay have rights that need protecting. It is important to know that you have human rights and spiritual rights, which are presented here in this book.

The artwork of students in this book creatively expresses how we might think and learn about the rights that help us honour God, live well and love others.

It's important you know that certain rights belong to you and that adults of this Diocese are encouraged to learn about them.

Children have special rights because they are part of the human family. As a child, you need to be cared for and protected so that you have every possibility to grow and flourish in your human dignity. You have a right to seek help if ever you are in need.

If you believe there is something more that is needed in raising awareness about these rights, please write to me.

You can email me at bishop@bbcatholic.org.au.

God bless you and I am praying for you.

BISHOP ANTHONY

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
BE TREATED **FAIRLY**
AND **EQUALLY**

I CAN DO MY PART BY BEING
TRUTHFUL AND **KIND**

I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF **UNDERSTANDING**

JESSICA

Yr 5 - St Mary's Catholic School



ROSE

Yr 8 - St Leo's Catholic College

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
VOICE MY THOUGHTS
WHEN DECISIONS ARE
BEING MADE ABOUT ME

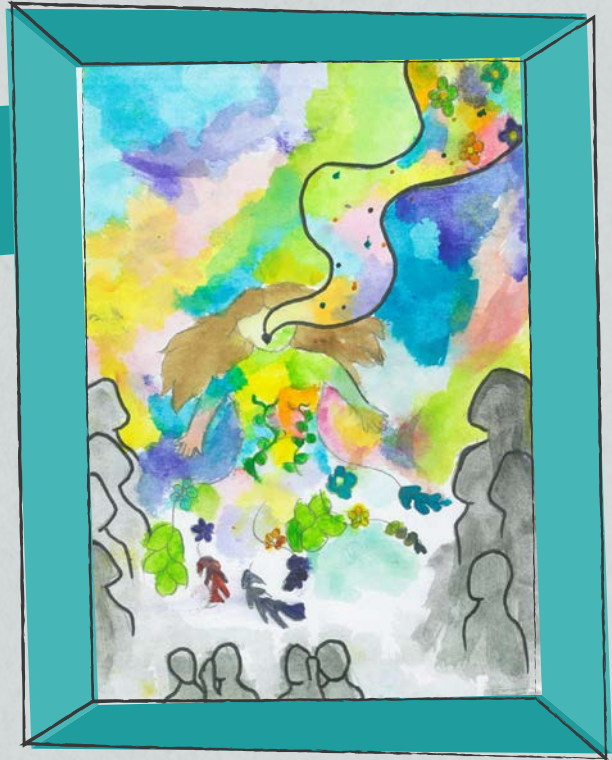


SOPHIE

Yr 8 - St Leo's Catholic College

EMMA

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**I CAN DO MY PART BY SPEAKING
CONFIDENTLY ABOUT MY POINT OF
VIEW AND LISTENING RESPECTFULLY**

**I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF RIGHT
JUDGEMENT**

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE AND GROW IN A HEALTHY AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT



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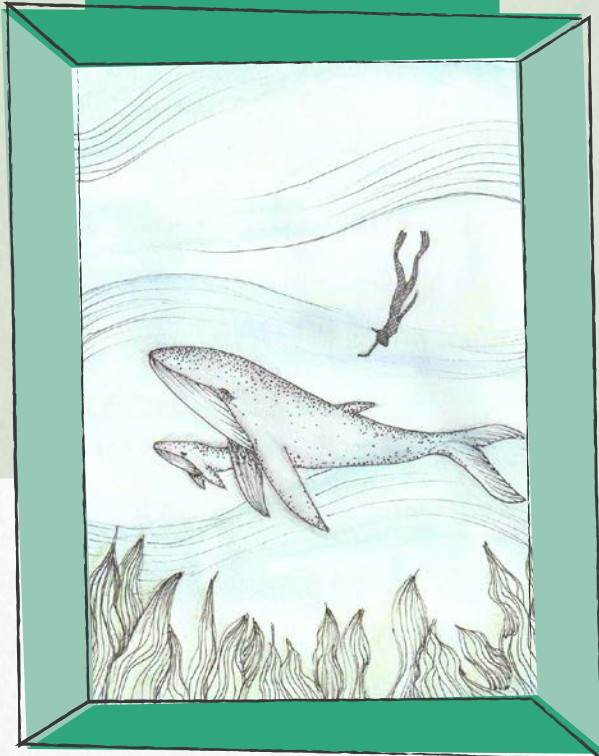
Yr 2 - Our Lady of Good Counsel

I CAN DO MY PART BY **TAKING CARE** OF
MYSELF AND MY ENVIRONMENT

I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF
PERSEVERANCE AND **ENDURANCE**

LARA

Yr 10 - St Brigid's Catholic College



I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
FIND OUT INFORMATION
AND EXPRESS MYSELF

I CAN DO MY PART BY FINDING OUT
ABOUT THINGS THAT WILL HELP ME
MAKE GOOD CHOICES

I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF
DISCERNMENT

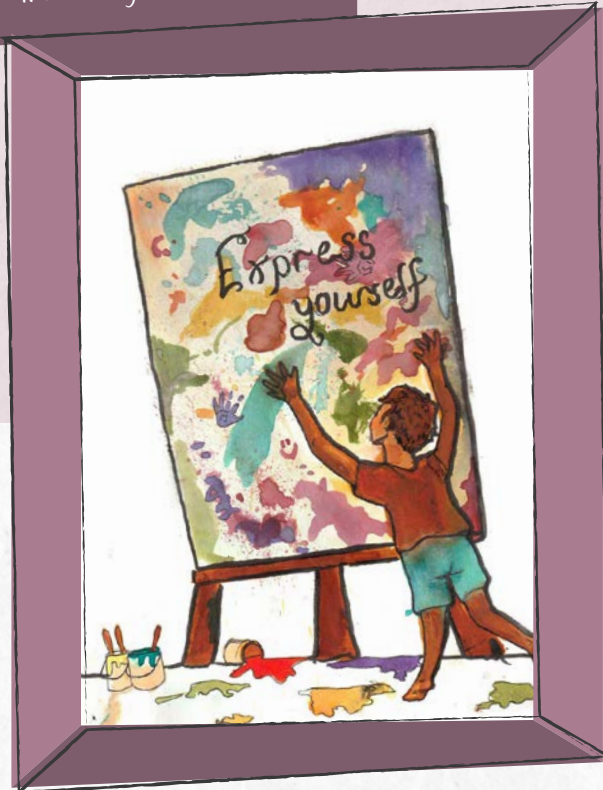
BELLA

Yr II - St Brigid's Catholic College



MADDIE

Yr 8 - St Brigid's Catholic College



I HAVE THE RIGHT
TO BE **PROTECTED**
NO MATTER MY ABILITY
LANGUAGE BELIEF OR
WHO I AM WITH

I CAN DO MY PART BY **SUPPORTING**
PEERS AND BEING **INCLUSIVE** TO ALL
PEOPLE

I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF
WONDER



TAMARA

Yr 1 - Our Lady of Good Counsel

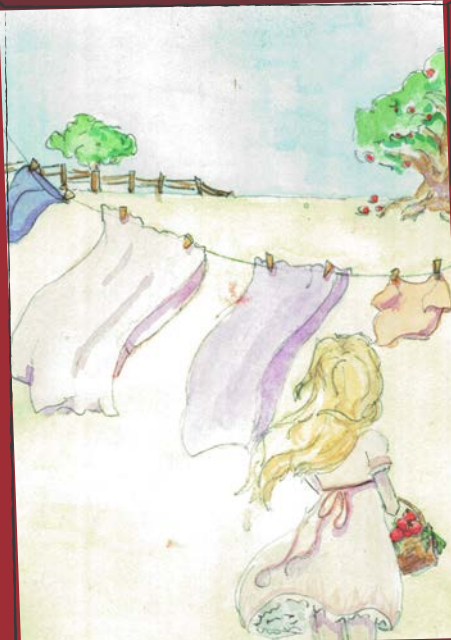


RUBY

Yr 5 - Our Lady of Good Counsel

YEWON

Yr 7 - St Leo's Catholic College



ABBY

Yr 9 - St Brigid's Catholic College

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO A
SAFE AND LOVING HOME
WITH CLOTHES TO WEAR
AND FOOD TO EAT

I CAN DO MY PART BY **SHARING** AND
GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED WHEN I CAN

I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF
LOVE

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY TO ENJOY AND PROTECT MY LIFE STORY

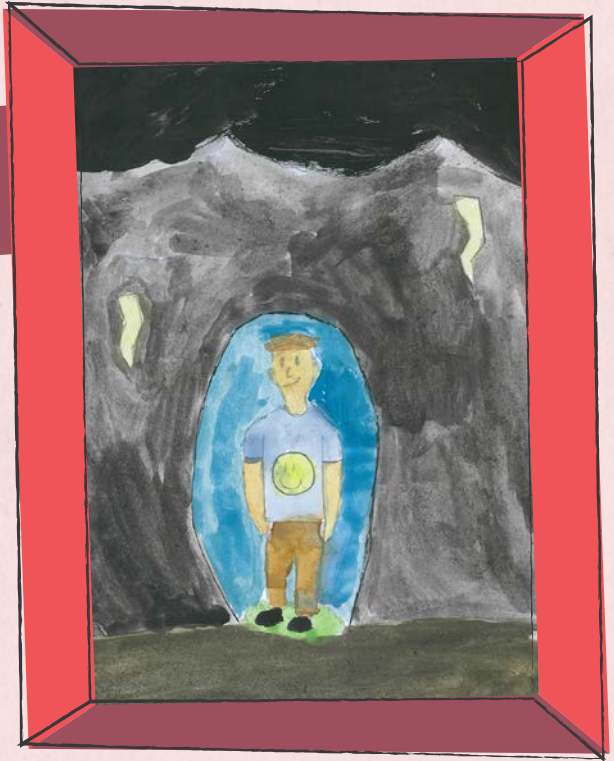


LEIA

Yr 5 – Our Lady of Good Counsel

ELIJAH

Yr 5 – Our Lady of Good Counsel



I CAN DO MY PART BY **ACCEPTING**
WHO I AM AND **RESPECTING**
OTHERS AND THEIR STORY

I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF
COURAGE

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO
GO TO SCHOOL AND
RECEIVE AN EDUCATION

I CAN DO MY PART BY BEING AN
ATTENTIVE AND ACTIVE LEARNER

I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT OF
KNOWLEDGE

RAINA

Yr 6 – Our Lady of the Rosary



EMMA

Yr 9 – St Leo's Catholic College

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHO I AM AND WHERE I COME FROM

CHARLIZE

Yr 6 – Our Lady of Good Counsel



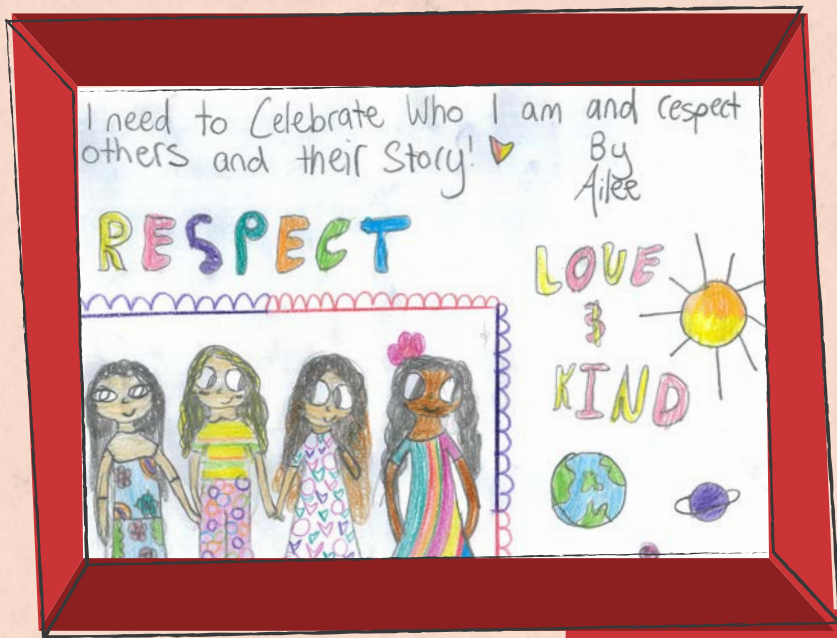
YUMI

Yr 5 - St Mary's Catholic School



**I CAN DO MY PART BY BEING
CURIOUS AND OPEN TO MY
FAMILY ORIGINS**

**I CAN BRING THE SPIRIT
OF JOY**



AILEE

Yr 6-1A – Our Lady of Good Counsel

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We are blessed in Catholic school communities to be intricately part of the daily lives of our children. Core to the work as a Catholic principal, and in leading the responsibilities of staff, is remaining diligent promoting this in our words and actions. Modelling and leading our staff in their awareness to notice when children come to school with indications of no or inadequate amounts of food, not only stops children reaching their potential, it raises concerns about broader wellbeing. This extends to ensuring clothing that is appropriate, and sufficient for children, or patterns when this might be evident over time.

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*Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School, Terrigal
Principal, Robert Peers*

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MacKillop has clear policies on health and wellbeing that encompass all aspects of personal safety - spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual and also by ensuring any issues that arise are promptly addressed with a focus on growth and development. A clean environment is maintained by the whole school community where students have agency in contributing to the pleasant, clean and orderly environment. Aesthetically, the school has initiated projects involving staff and students to create and maintain a pleasing environment through challenges, competitions and education.

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*MacKillop Catholic College Warnervale / Secondary
Principal, Debra Ferguson*



CASSANDRA

Yr 6 – Our Lady of Good Counsel

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It used to be that only boys could go to school but now people know that women are just as capable and have the right to education so we make sure we turn up to school each day. No matter what colour, race or gender you are you have the right to go to school every day.

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*Our Lady Of Good Counsel
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MADELYN

Yr 10 – St Leo's Catholic College



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