

CHARTER
OF

Rights & Responsibilities



FOR CHILDREN IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

FOREWARD FROM SYDNEY ARCHBISHOP, ANTHONY FISHER OP

This is a book for children about their rights and responsibilities. If you are a child in the Archdiocese of Sydney this book is for you.

Our rights are what every human being deserves, no matter who they are or where they live, so that we can live in a world that is fair and just.

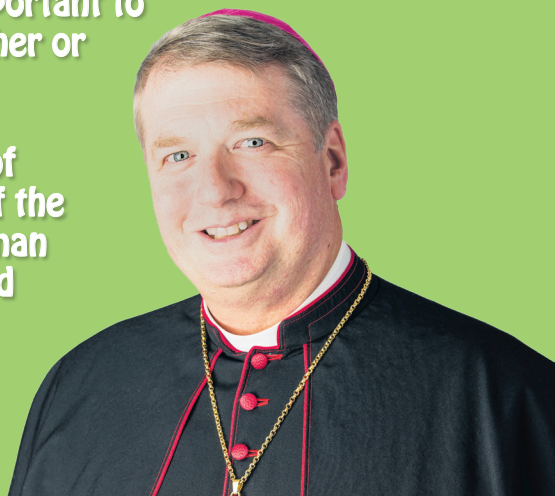
Everybody has rights and that means they come with responsibilities for other people.

When we have a responsibility, there is something we need to think about or to do for someone else. Responsibilities affect our lives and other people's lives.

If we want to have rights, then we have to act in a responsible way, to respect other people's rights so that everyone on the earth can receive what they deserve.

This book was written to help you understand important things about staying healthy and happy. However, if you feel sick or unhappy, it is important to tell your mum or dad, a teacher or a trusted grown-up.

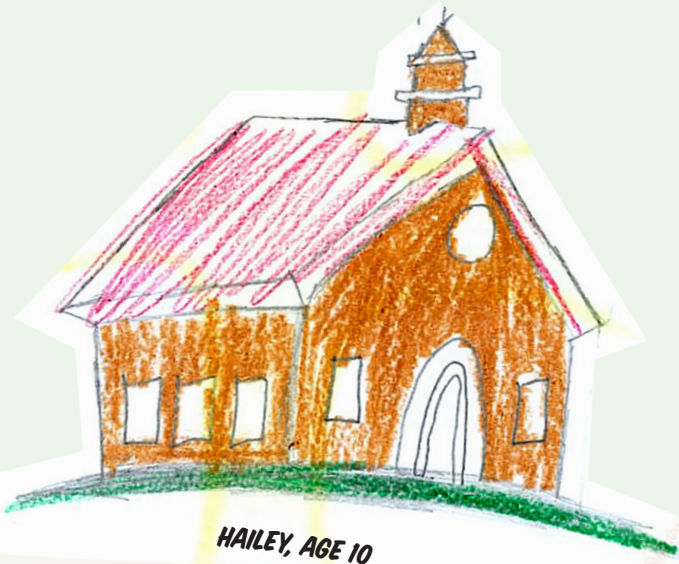
I pray you grow as children of God in your understanding of the wonderful gift of being a human person with unique rights and responsibilities.





TANIA, AGE 10

**I have the right to feel
safe and be protected from
harm wherever I am**



I have the responsibility to not hurt others or treat them badly

Friends
Forever!



KIRI, AGE 10



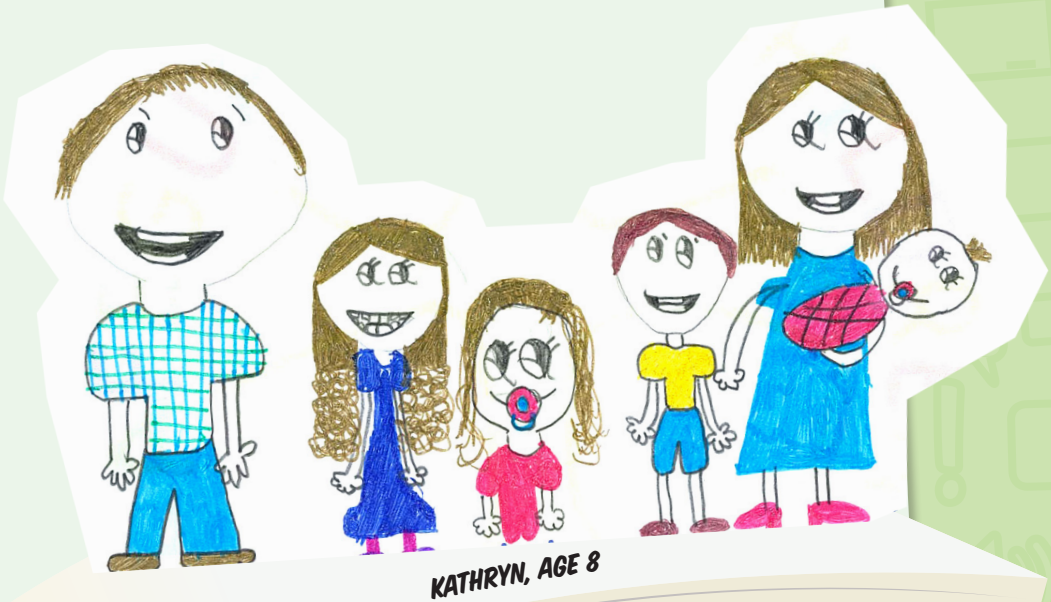
GABRIEL, AGE 10

**I have the right to food,
clothing and healthcare and
a safe place to live**



LUCA, AGE 10

**I have the responsibility to
respect this right -**



KATHRYN, AGE 8

**many children in the world
don't have the basic things
like food and clean water**

I have the right to enjoy my own culture, religion and language

OLA!

NI HAO!

XIN CHÀO!



NICHOLAS, AGE 10

SUMMER, AGE 10

I have the responsibility
to respect other people's
culture, religion and
language

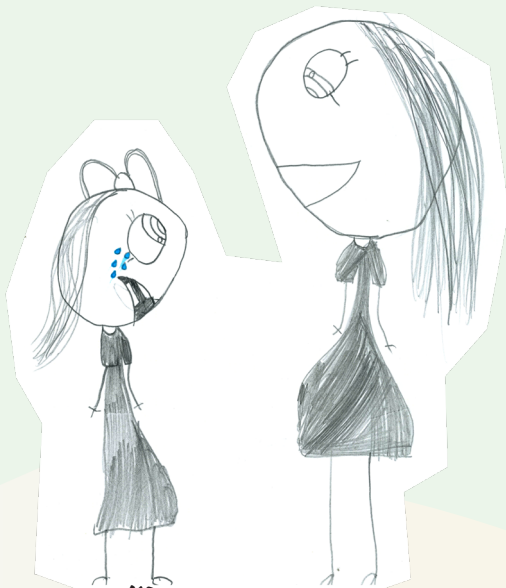
MARHABA!

CIAO!



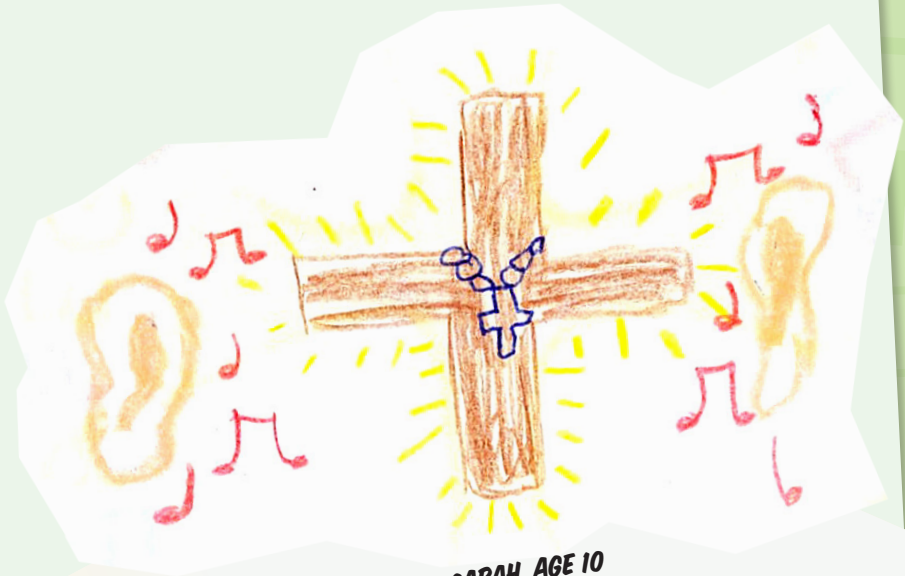
KARMELA, AGE 10

**I have the right to tell a
trusted adult if I have been
harmed or treated unfairly**



KATHRYN, AGE 8

**I have the responsibility
to tell an adult if I know of
anybody being harmed**



SARAH, AGE 10

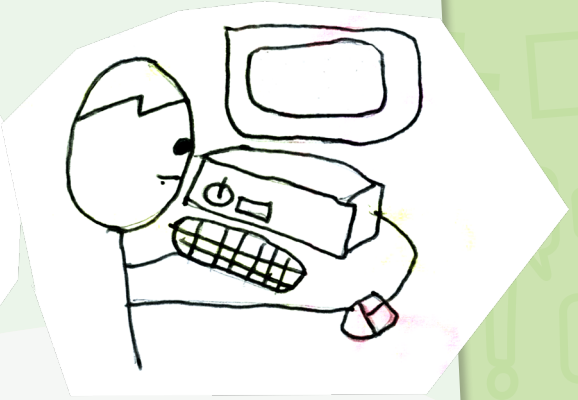
**or treated unfairly -
including myself!**

I have the right to a good education



CHECY, AGE 10

**I have the responsibility
to always do my best**



LIAM, AGE 10

I have the right to voice my opinions respectfully



SCOTT, AGE 11

I have the responsibility to respect the opinions of others



JASON, AGE 10

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