Rights & Responsibilities

Charted for Children in the Archdiocese of Sydney
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.
I have the right to feel safe and be protected from harm wherever I am.

Hailey, Age 10
I have the responsibility to not hurt others or treat them badly.
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 -

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

NICHOLAS, AGE 10

SUMMER, AGE 10
I have the responsibility to respect other people’s culture, religion and language.
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 or treated unfairly - including myself!

SARAH, AGE 10
I have the right to a good education

CHECY, AGE 10
I have the responsibility to always do my best.
I have the right to voice my opinions respectfully.

SCOTT, AGE 11
I have the responsibility to respect the opinions of others.