

## A PLAY MANIFESTO FROM AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN

### What our world would look like without play;

- Lonely, depressed, isolated, super-boring, no imagination, no creativity, no friends, unhealthy, unfit with lots of arguments
- It would be like there were no colours in the world
- Our parents would be depressed because we would be sad and lonely

### What play means to us;

- Play is important to us because through play we can find out who we are and who others are
- Play shows our personalities, helps us make friends and feel part of a group
- When we play we can try different things, use our imagination and can relax
- Play is fun, makes us happy and gives us a chance to be unique

### Where we want to play;

- In places we know we won't be judged, where we can be free and independent
- In a community that cares for one another and looks out for each other
- Where people will support us and make us feel safe and we know we could ask anyone for help when we need it

### How we want to play;

- We love spontaneous play that uses our imagination, creativity and self-expression
- We also like play that is organised and lets us work as a team
- We want to be able to play with our friends, our family and others in our community

### When we want to play;

- EVERYDAY! As much as we can!
- Until we get tired!

Please work with us to help save play for Australian children. Make time for play!

**PLAY  
FOR  
LIFE**

