

RIGHTS OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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? And God who created you, loves you very much.

It's my job to help you protect that 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. These rights are presented here in this poster.

You might be a member of a parish community, a student at one of our schools or connect with the services of CatholicCare.

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.

These rights work together to help you live a good life. They may also help you to understand how to be kind and fair to yourself and others.

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.

+Anthony

1 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



2 I have the right to voice my thoughts when decisions are being made about me.

I can do my part – by speaking confidently about my point of view and listening respectfully

I can bring the Spirit of Right Judgement



3 I have the right to live and grow in a healthy and clean environment.

I can do my part – by taking care of myself and my environment

I can bring the Spirit of Perseverance & Endurance



4 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



5 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



9 I have the right to know who I am and where I come from.

I can do my part – by being curious and open to my family origins

I can bring the Spirit of Joy



8 I have the right to go to school and receive an education.

I can do my part – by being attentive and an active learner

I can bring the Spirit of Knowledge



7 I have the right to privacy to enjoy and protect my life story.

I can do my part – by accepting who I am and respecting others and their story

I can bring the Spirit of Courage



6 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

