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### **PREFACE**

The age range birth to 12 years is recognised as crucial, with significant consequences for people's continuing educational success and future participation in society. Professionals in this critical phase need specialist preparation, along with the skills and knowledge required to understand and manage issues related to health and wellbeing.

This book will assist educators, academics, pre-service student teachers and teachers in their quest to develop and implement effective practices for children's health and well-being. The book brings together the expertise of academics in the field of early years and the primary years of school. It is not exhaustive in its coverage – several books would be required to document and detail all of the relevant aspects of health and wellbeing, and each chapter could easily be expanded into a book in its own right.

The organisation of the book reflects the key priorities for health and wellbeing of children aged birth to 12 years of age. Each chapter concludes with questions to guide readers' reflections on the concepts developed in the chapter. In addition to meeting editorial requirements, each chapter has been peer reviewed. The book is a collaborative effort, drawn from a range of scholars and practitioners who work with children and young people in health and wellbeing. The book fills a gap in the resources available for health and wellbeing in Australia, bringing together sound scholarly debates and practical applications.

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# **ABBREVIATIONS**

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

AC: HPE Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education
ACARA Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
ACECQA Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority
ACHPER Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation

ACOSS Australian Council of Social Service
ADHD attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
AEDC Australian Early Development Census
AEDI Australian Early Development Index

AHPSA Australian Health Promoting Schools Association

AHRC Australian Human Rights Commission
AIHW Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

AITSL Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

APST Australian Professional Standards for Teachers

ARACY Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth

ARC Australian Research Council
ASD autism spectrum disorders

ASHA American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

ASWF Australian Student Wellbeing Framework

BDD body dismorphic disorders

CASEL Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning

the Charter Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion

CHI Children's Headline Indicators

CoS Circle of Security<sup>TM</sup>

CRC Convention on the Rights of the Child CRCT cluster randomised controlled trial

CSEFEL Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
CSIRO Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DEECD Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
DEEWR Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

DET Department of Education and Training

DfE Department for Education
DMP dominant movement pattern
EYFS Early Years Foundation Stage
EYLF Early Years Learning Framework
FMS fundamental movement skills
HPA hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal
HPE Health and Physical Education



Abbreviations xxv

ICF International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health

ICPLA International Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics Association

ICT information and communication technologies

IJSLP International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology

KS: CPC Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

MCEETYA Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs

MDGs Millennium Development Goals NAEP National Aboriginal Education Plan

NAEYC National Association for the Education of Young Children

NCCAN National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect NCMEC National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

NHMRC National Health and Medical Research Council

NQS National Quality Standards

NSSF National Safe Schools Framework

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PE Physical Education

PSC personal and social capability

QPE quality physical education

QSCC Queensland School Curriculum Council RASPP Remote Aboriginal Swimming Pools Project

RLSS Royal Life Saving Society

SAFE Sequenced. Active. Focused. Explicit.

SDGs Sustainable Development Goals
SEL social and emotional learning
SIDS sudden infant death syndrome

SIECUS Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States

SPP Sydney Playground Project

TPSR Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

VCAA Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority
VDET Victorian Department of Education and Training

VEYDF Victorian Early Years and Development Framework: For all children

from birth to eight years

WHO World Health Organization

WITS Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help