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# Preface

We hope that you find this second edition of *Paediatric Nursing in Australia: Principles for Practice* useful as a contemporary primary resource for pre-registration students of nursing as well as new graduates practising in Australian paediatric settings. The second edition maintains a strong Australian focus. We have incorporated feedback from students, educators and our academic colleagues to improve each chapter and hope you are pleased with the result. We are most grateful to Cambridge University Press for offering to support us to publish the second edition.

The second edition of this text first sets the context within which student nurses can expect to practise paediatric nursing in Australia. It presents the profile of child health, illness and injury within Australian communities and includes details of national health trends for children and young people in Australia, in comparison with international trends.

Emphasis is given to evidence-based paediatric nursing assessment, nursing care and nursing interventions in paediatric settings. This includes acute care, complex care, care of the child with a chronic illness and childhood mental health care.

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