

Dear children, parents and all adults,

I am delighted to hold the position of Junior Ambassador of Children's Week for Queensland for another two years.

This role means so much to me as my job as the Junior Ambassador is an honor and very important. While I am in this role I wish to represent children and their rights and to make sure that every child in Queensland knows that they have rights. Those rights are so important for us to ensure a happy childhood. I want to be the voice of the children.

The rights of a child are crucial and it is vital that not only children know about all their rights but also their parents or guardians. Each child has the right to a happy smiley childhood. Children have the right to play and to learn through an education. They should have access to reliable media. There are thirty-nine more rights established by the United Nations that cover children all over the world.

This year the right that the Queensland Children's Week committee is focusing on is a right to an education. Like all of the other rights an education is very important. A child has the right to learn to read books and enjoy bedtime stories. Children reciting the alphabet and learning all the numbers are well on the way to a future of opportunities. An education also provides a child the chance to exercise their imagination. This could be through art, drama, music, story writing or reading. Children who are educated will have power to choose their own paths, value themselves and be the very best they can be all over the world.

Finally we should all be educated about all of the forty-two rights established for children and take some time this October to reflect on the wonder and joy of childhood.

Yours sincerely,

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