



We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters where our centre is located and recognise their continuing connection to country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal peoples.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

We believe that children will learn best through play in a safe, supportive and challenging environment

We support children's learning and development when we :

- Have high expectations of all children as competent, independent and confident learners
- Value the child's home, family, cultural and community experiences and the influence they have on each child's learning
- Build children's confidence, identity, wellbeing and self-esteem
- Encourage the dispositions for learning - we encourage children to be purposeful and persistent, curious, resourceful, communicative, cooperative and confident
- Model these dispositions for learning in our daily practice as adult learners
- Scaffold learning by role modelling for children
- Support and empower children to have the independence to direct their own learning
- Recognize and respond to the uniqueness of each child
- Value and create opportunities for children's voice to be an integral part of our educational program
- Foster a strong sense of belonging and identity for children

We believe in building strong partnerships with families to support the best outcomes for children

We build strong connections with families when we:

- Acknowledge and respect families role as the first educators of their children
- Respect the diverse backgrounds of all families that are part of our community
- Create opportunities to learn from the rich cultural background of our families and their children
- Value the knowledge and skills families have, and can contribute to our Centre
- Support families in a shared goal to achieve the best learning outcomes for their child
- Structure and integrate programs that value the relationships, nurturing and mentoring that occurs within the family structure
- Recognize, and respond, to the challenges faced by families in a changing world

We believe in developing an inclusive and supportive community for families

We do this when we:

- Acknowledge and embrace the diversity of cultures within our community
- Support families to have a sense of belonging and connectedness to our Children's Centre community
- Value and promote inclusivity and wellbeing of all families
- Provide a friendly, safe and nurturing environment for children, families and groups within our community
- Provide opportunities to develop a sense of community that will help strengthen the capacity of families

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