Centre Philosophy

We believe in providing a nurturing environment where children, families and staff are respected for who they are as individuals. We strive to achieve mutual respect and cooperation between staff and children, as well as amongst the children themselves. Our dedicated staff encourage a sense of agency, individual growth and positive self-esteem amongst all children who attend our centre and all children will be provided with an environment that is rich in materials, equipment and choice of activities both indoors and outdoors.

We are committed to providing a program which caters for both the individual and the group’s abilities, needs and interests, which is child centred and developmentally age-appropriate. We will strive to give each child the opportunity to evolve and develop their sense of agency and sense of self, in an environment that supports and enriches their development. We are committed to providing an encouraging, and empowering learning environment which fosters the children’s autonomy and independence. We will strive to create an environment which offers all children the opportunity to grow emotionally, socially, physically and intellectually by encouraging them to play, explore and learn individually and with others in a fun, safe, hygienic and healthy environment.

We endeavour to provide an educationally appropriate program that supports ‘My Time Our Place’ and which also ensures children’s safety, whilst still fostering their unique interests, and encouraging involvement and participation by all children. Through our programs we acknowledge and emphasise the importance of children learning through play, whether it be through physical activity, arts and crafts, the use of technology or the variety of other activities on offer at the centre each afternoon.

We will strive to provide learning opportunities that acknowledge the traditional founders of the land we live on. We are also committed to acknowledging and celebrating the wonderful cultural diversity of the children and families who are involved in our program, through the variety activities offered at the centre. We encourage all children to participate in the program, and strive to promote a positive environment of diversity, by supporting families and children regardless of age, gender, culture, religious beliefs, socio-economic status or ability.

Our staff are committed to continuous improvement, through reflecting on their practice in all areas of their involvement with the service. They understand that meaning can be derived and taken from all aspects of their interactions with each other, with children and with families. They are committed to applying this practice to ensure that our learning framework informs their practice and gives greater meaning to their time at the centre. Staff value the importance of development through play and appreciate that learning in our centre takes place through both planned and spontaneous learning opportunities.

We are committed to providing learning opportunities that allow children to explore the natural world/environment around them and we strive to actively encourage children to participate in these parts of our program that teach them to respect and care for the
world we live in. We endeavour to actively promote sustainability at our centre and instil in the children a sense of responsibility for taking care of the world that we live in.

We are committed to providing a safe, healthy, clean and hygienic environment, where children can learn and play without being concerned about their own safety and potential hazards. We will ensure that children are provided with healthy, nutritious food at all times and strive to educate and involve children in making healthy food and lifestyle choices during their time with us at our centre and at home.

We strive to provide a climate where children are encouraged to become increasingly self-aware and accepting of themselves. We believe that this, in turn, encourages them to be more tolerant and accepting of others, their routines and any limits they may face in the wider environment. We will ensure that family bonds are respected and nurtured through the development of open communication and close working relationships between family homes and the Centre. We strongly believe that children’s overall development will be enhanced by this.