



The Willows Philosophy 2022

All are welcomed to this safe educational place to learn and grow as a valued member of our caring and inclusive community. The Willows Children's Centre offers children and families a place to belong.

The Willows community, acknowledge we are situated on Peramangk land. We pay respect to Peramangk people as the traditional and abiding Aboriginal custodians of the land. We will actively seek opportunities to strengthen our connection to the Peramangk and other Australian first nation's peoples.

The Willows provides high-quality teaching and learning experiences for young children. Our team is guided by the Public Sector and Early Childhood Australia Code of Ethics. We offer a learning environment and program which views all children's cultures, languages, family structure and abilities as assets to their well-being, development and learning progress. The Willows is a culturally safe, inclusive place for children to belong, to be and to become.

The Willows team utilise a play-based program to observe, reflect upon, plan and assess for each child's learning progress. We value each child as an active citizen with unique strengths, interests and abilities to contribute. The Principles, Practices and Learning Outcomes from the Early Years Learning Framework guide and inform our child-centred curriculum and pedagogy. The Literacy and Numeracy Preschool Guidebooks and the Preschool Indicators of Numeracy and Literacy provide specific curriculum advice.

Every child has the right to continuously expand their learning as literate and numerate citizens within their homes, communities and at preschool. They learn how to respect others, the environment, and the world around them in a fun filled, active learning environment. The Willows has a strong focus on supporting the communication skills of all children, and in particular the children with speech and language difficulties.

Our partnership with families as a child's first and most influential educator is critical for each child to experience satisfaction and success as a learner. We value and actively include family voices and involvement in our planning and in our day to day program. Together we lift up and celebrate every child as being and becoming lifelong learners while enjoying their childhood without pressure.

Children are the centre of everything we do.