



# Agnes Goode Kindergarten

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## STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

### Rationale

This philosophy statement reflects the beliefs of those associated with our services. Together with the approved learning framework, it guides and underpins everything we do at Agnes Goode Kindergarten. By embracing these values, we create a community that promotes excellence in education and care, empowering children to become life-long learners who positively contribute to the world around them.

### Respect

Respect is at the heart of our community. We value and honour each child's unique qualities, strengths, and perspectives. We foster an inclusive environment that celebrates diversity, promoting a sense of belonging for children, families, and educators. We respect Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of the land we play and learn on. Respect for Kaurna culture is embedded through growing use of language and promoting respect for self, others, and the environment.

### Relationships

We prioritise building positive relationships and strong connections between children, families, educators, and the wider community. The promotion of kindness, empathy, joy, and open communication enables collaboration with others.

### Sustainability

Our environment cultivates an appreciation and sense of responsibility for the natural world. Children are taught the importance of caring for the environment, instilling a lifelong commitment to sustainability practices, and developing their awareness of the interdependence of people and the environment.

### Wellbeing

By embracing a holistic approach to wellbeing, we provide a safe, engaging environment to nurture resilience, empathy, and growth mindset to develop children's confidence, and foster an enduring love of learning. Children are encouraged to embrace challenges, persevere, and develop problem-solving skills. This empowers children to navigate obstacles confidently enabling them to be powerful learners now and into the future.

### Engagement

Children learn best when actively engaged through exploration, discovery, and inquiry. Our play-based curriculum encourages natural curiosity and imagination. We are committed to providing an inclusive and enriching learning environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

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**Preschool Director:** Dani Adams

**Governing Council Chairperson:** Katie White

*Review as required*