



Our Philosophy

Connection to Family and Community

We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the land on which Ballara Park kindergarten is located. We recognize the role we play in helping to look after the environment, caring for the land and the creatures around us.

Our community is diverse, and we value the partnerships we foster with families, acting on the principles of equity and inclusion to ensure each family is valued. We view children as active members of our community and look for ways to engage children in decision making ensuring child voice is heard and acknowledged.

For Children

We view children as capable and competent; we provide an environment that enables children to make decisions, consider fairness, empathy and compassion.

Children's well-being is valued as we respond sensitively to children building safe and secure relationships in which learning can thrive.

We provide extensive opportunities for children to learn in the outdoors, we encourage mindful moments and the use of natural materials in play.

Children's learning is encouraged, supported and celebrated through purposeful play.

As Educators

We recognize the family as the child's first teacher and support the parenting role, working collaboratively with families to provide best outcomes for children.

We intentionally plan a high-quality preschool program, recognizing children's individual needs to ensure all children experience success in their learning and development.

We critically reflect on the curriculum as a team to ensure the educational program we provide is responsive, holistic, child-centred and advocate for children and through quality early childhood practices.