



## Berri Community Preschool Philosophy

Berri Community Preschool is a stand-alone preschool centre that is committed to the wellbeing, health, care and education of all children, families, staff and members of our community.

Through consultation, we have established our core values and principles to be:

\*respect, \*responsibility, \*resilience

We value and promote a sense of ownership through collaboration and participation which maximises positive learning outcomes for all.

**We believe that each child is individual, unique and important, and has the right to develop to their full potential.**

**To facilitate this, we aim to:**

\*provide a curriculum based on 'Belonging, Being, Becoming' that allows children to explore, imagine, create, problem solve, develop independence, socialise, have fun and learn through play,

\*provide an educational environment that caters for each child and family's needs,

\*provide opportunities for children and their families to become involved in centre programs and services,

\*provide opportunities for children and their families to develop stable and caring relationships with staff and others,

\*provide information about other services available in the local community.

**We believe that our staff is one of the centre's most valuable resources. In order to provide a high quality program, we aim to:**

\*value the skills and knowledge that each individual staff member brings with them,

\*encourage ongoing professional development,

\*maintain a safe and supportive working environment that sustains a work life balance.

**We believe that parents/caregivers and families are the child's first educators. To complement and support this, we aim to:**

\*welcome parents/caregivers and family members with respect and sensitivity,

\*encourage communication between staff and parents/caregivers and carers,

\*respect individual family needs,

\*recognise and respect the diversity of families,

\*create, support and encourage involvement at our site.

**We believe that the centre is a valuable community resource. In order to make a significant contribution, we aim to:**

\*build relationships with other community agencies and advocate for families in our community,

\*provide an accessible, flexible and high quality service in response to changing community needs,

\*promote respect for, and pride in, our immediate environment and encourage good environmental practice in the broader community.