

NINNA MARNI FROM CHRISTIE DOWNS KINDERGARTEN



Philosophy Statement 2019

We would like to acknowledge the land on which our kindergarten is situated is the traditional lands of the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

Our philosophy at Christie Downs Kindergarten Porlis' Pulgi is that every child is special with a connection to land and community. Spiritual growth and valuing the individuality of each child's diversity of cultural background is nurtured. Our play based learning program supports the children's desire to come to kindy and enthusiasm to learn and gain successful outcomes. Relationships with children and their parents are paramount along with a safe and welcoming environment, which are crucial in supporting wellbeing along with the happiness and joy gained from the wonder experienced in early childhood and our learning program. Staff strongly advocate for the inclusion of our Aboriginal children and parents into the wider community in a variety of creative and positive ways. Staff are connected, resourceful and committed to the environment within the kindy and wider community, which also supports our holistic and flexible service delivery program to engage with the community and bond with children.

Our staff believe that how you treat Aboriginal children works for all children but how you treat non-Aboriginal children does not necessarily work for Aboriginal children and this is supported by Professor John Hattie, 2016.