

Philosophy statement

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At Fairview Park Kindergarten we strive for **“Excellence for all!”**

“We are a community who are committed to working together to provide quality inclusive preschool education. Children are provided with opportunities to engage in learning within a challenging and supportive environment.”

Our families state the identity of FPK is summed up by values: Relationships and Community, Trust and Respect, Acceptance and Equality.

We believe children's learning is maximised in a safe, caring atmosphere where our passionate, skilled staff support and facilitate a play-based programme of activities and experiences, and where individuals' levels of development are planned for and monitored using **“The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia”**.

We see **learning dispositions** as important to foster as they enable children to develop and maintain emotional self-regulation, self-esteem and deeper engagement with their learning. Promoting children's curiosity, risk taking, persistence and problem -solving skills supports the development of **“Powerful Learners!”**.

Children are given the opportunity to explore the natural environment and find out about their world, and their ideas and reflections are valued, incorporated and extended in an **emergent curriculum**. Ongoing critical reflection by staff ensures the learning cycle of experiences planned, presented, assessed and reported on is appropriate and fair for all.

We believe it is vital for children to learn to interact positively with other children and adults, so we provide opportunities for time to play, and support for imaginative dramatic play; & see how important this is in developing both oral language skills and strong social connections.

Relationships are central to all we do at FPK; we are committed to building deep and trusting relationships with our local community inc Child Care Centres, kindies/ schools, and businesses. By providing our children a relevant and positive kindergarten experience and supporting the development of those with a wide range of Additional Needs (inc Autism, Speech/Language difficulties, Physical Disabilities, complex health needs), we are also supporting families and in turn improving outcomes for children!