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Play, Learn, and Grow Together **Our Philosophy**

Our Place

We provide for continuity of learning for children from their earliest years through to Preschool. Educators value the importance of building positive relationships with children, their families and the community. We provide a flexible service to meet children and families' needs. We value and respect the fundamental importance of equity, diversity and inclusiveness in our community. We are a strong advocate for the provision of accessible and equitable Early Childhood Education for everyone.

Our Values

Our values are

- Belonging
- Respect
- Inclusion
- Curiosity
- Kindness

Our Beliefs

We believe

Every child is unique, rich in potential and has a right to learn through play in an inclusive and respectful environment

Children's growth and learning is enhanced when they feel safe, are engaged and have a strong sense of belonging.

Children are natural researchers who hypothesise, experiment, investigate, inquire and problem solve with and alongside others.

When educators develop secure, reciprocal relationships they are able to provide meaningful, holistic learning experiences for all children.

When educators are committed to engaging in collaborative critical reflection and professional learning, they will effectively use their knowledge of and interactions with children to plan for and extend their learning.

Our Commitments

We will create an environment where each child feels a sense of belonging to confidently play, learn and grow.

We will facilitate collaborative inquiry learning to challenge and extend children's thinking and promote their agency.

We will ensure that all educators regularly meet and engage in critical reflection and professional learning to improve pedagogy and practice.

Our Intentions

Educators are co-constructors of experiences with children and will use a blend of intentional teaching, child led inquiry and playful learning to enhance and extend children's learning.

Educators will implement improvements in pedagogy and practice into the everyday learning experiences of every child.

