



Philosophy Statement

At Mitchell Park Kindergarten we respectfully acknowledge the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains as the custodians of the land on which we play and learn.

We believe that all children are competent and capable and have a right to be actively involved in high quality early childhood education programs.

We value:

- Lifelong learning, respect, kindness and being safe.
- The importance of developing genuine, reciprocal relationships between children, families, educators and our community.
- The cultural diversity and experiences that each child brings, and acknowledge that families are their children's first, and most important, educators.
- Play, and its importance to children's development.
- Children's input, and see them as active participants in, and creators of, their own learning.
- Environmental awareness, and the importance of educating children for a sustainable future.

We will:

- Foster a love of learning in children and provide an environment where they feel safe, secure and supported to explore, learn and grow.
- Work in partnership with families and caregivers to support children's learning and development.
- Foster a strong sense of community by building an inviting and accepting environment where all families and caregivers are welcome.
- Provide opportunities for children to engage in, and with, our community.
- Extend all children's learning from what they know, can do and understand.
- Promote connections to the natural world and encourage sustainable practices within our program.
- Teach with intent and purpose to support all children to grow and develop as successful learners.

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