

We believe that every child comes to preschool as a unique individual with varying life experiences, social and cultural backgrounds. Therefore, we believe it is important to offer a safe and secure, nurturing environment. This environment respects and fosters the development of the whole child (physical, social, emotional and cognitive) creating well rounded competent learners.

Families and communities are integral to children's development and wellbeing and therefore at Nangwarry we strive to establish a strong connection between home and the school and wider community.

Play is vital to children's development. Through play children learn a variety of diverse developmental skills vital for later development and growth. Skills developed through play include:

Dispositions for learning (curiosity, persistence)

Thinking and memory skills (problem solving, , perspective taking)

Language and literacy skills (vocabulary, verbalisation, extended language)

Logical and mathematical thinking

Creativity and imagination

Moral understanding, empathy and an understanding of difference

Ability to take the perspective of others

Self regulation and managing their own behaviour

At Nangwarry, we strongly believe in the importance of a 'hands-on' play based curriculum with a balance between teacher directed and child initiated experiences.