

Philosophy statement

Newland Park Kindergarten is a warm place where children smile and laugh and enjoy learning. We celebrate learning through play. We are lucky to have a beautiful Kindy and offer inside and outside experiences, and the neighbouring creek offers us a chance to play in nature. We believe that all children are capable, competent and successful learners who learn in different ways and at different rates. We believe that in order for each child to realise their full potential they need opportunity to problem solve, express thoughts and ideas, wonder and inquire, master new skills, imagine and create, reflect on learning and interact with their environment in playful, play-based and active ways.

Our wonderful space, which the children and teachers work on, design together and change daily, depending on the children's interests, daily happenings, seasonal changes and curriculum planning. We create using a number of materials and introduce children to the use of real tools so their experiences are authentic. We value and respect our environment by acknowledging the land we are on as Kurna Land and promise to take care of the land and animals. This helps the children to take interest, ownership and care of their Kindergarten space as well as Nature Kindy. Our kindy animals are integral each day and encourage an understanding of the link between people and other living things. We embed sustainable practices into our everyday programs and practices and our children are supported to become environmentally responsible individuals, who will positively impact their wider communities.

The staff team truly know the children. We talk to them with genuine interest and respect and are keen to learn about the ways the children view the world. Families are invited to share their voices as they talk with Educators. We make children's learning visible to families in a variety of ways including digital documentation, learning stories, Statements of Learning and meetings. We acknowledge the diversity of families within our Kindergarten and the importance of working in partnership with each family in the education of their child. We respect the cultural background of each child and acknowledge that learning first begins in the home. We believe in equity and inclusion for all children.

We recognise and value the knowledge and commitment of our all Educators and support their continued professional learning. We believe in the importance of working as a united team in order to support each other professionally and care for the wellbeing of staff and children.

Play is the best differentiated curriculum and play, along with kindness, is the language at Newland Park Kindergarten.