

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a high quality, home based education and care service where our community's children are nurtured by responsive Educators. Our service will be enriched by positive relationships with parents, the community and the environment.

We aim to deliver an efficient, flexible, inclusive, caring service that meets the diverse needs of the community.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

In relation to children

We believe children learn best through play and are capable of building knowledge from their world.

We believe play environments should be safe but stimulating so as to evoke curiosity, experimentation and exploration.

We believe children need to feel loved, accepted and part of a group regardless of differences, to foster self-esteem and maximise the probability of reaching their full potential *'Belonging, Being and Becoming'*.

We will be guided by the principles outlined in *Early Learning Years Framework*, *'My Time, Our Place'* and *the National Quality Framework*.

In relation to families

We believe in the benefits of building strong reciprocal relationships with families.

We will acknowledge families expertise in regards to their children by welcoming them to share information about their culture, values and beliefs.

We will encourage families to be involved in the service and contribute to decisions.

We will ensure a safe, secure, high quality service that reflects the changing needs of the families.

In relation to Community and the environment

We believe that it 'takes a community to raise a child'.

We will seek out opportunities to collaborate with the community to develop strong relationships and extend our knowledge in order to enhance children's learning and wellbeing.

We will provide opportunities for children to become familiar with their community and the natural environment to enable children to learn to respect and care for their world.

In relation to Educators and the Coordination Unit

We believe our service will be enhanced by recruiting Educators with diverse experience, skills, values and cultures.

We will support our Educators through mentoring and providing access to continuous professional development opportunities.

We will continue to work towards building strong working relationship between Educators, families and the Coordination Unit.

In relation to our practices

We believe that we need to continually seek ways of improving our service.

We will endeavour to do this by regularly reviewing all aspects of our service and staying abreast of any changes.

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