



MICHELLE DeGARIS MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN

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Our Philosophy

Michelle Degaris Memorial Kindergarten is an early childhood service site that is committed to the wellbeing, health, care and education of all children, families, staff and community members.

We value, respect and promote a sense of ownership, collaboration and participation of all community endeavours, which will maximise positive learning outcomes for all people accessing the Centre's services.

Our Philosophy

We believe that each child is individual, unique and important, and has the right to develop to their full potential by:

- providing a curriculum that allows children to explore, imagine, create, problem solve, develop independence, socialize, have fun, and play often
- providing a high quality, safe, welcoming, happy, supportive and accessible, care and educational environment that caters for individual children's and family needs
- providing children and families with opportunities to become involved in all programs and services
- providing children and families with opportunities to develop stable and caring relationships with staff and others
- respecting and valuing the cultural and social diversity of children and their families

We believe that parents and families are children's 'first educator', and we aim to:

- welcome parents and family members with respect and sensitivity
- encourage communication between staff and parents / carers
- respond to individual family needs
- recognise and respect the diversity of families
- create, support and encourage involvement and participation
- provide information about other services available on site and in the local community

We believe that staff are the Centre's most valuable resource. In order to provide a high quality of program we aim to:

- provide job satisfaction
- value the skills and knowledge that each individual staff member brings with them
- respect the diversity of staff backgrounds and experiences
- encourage ongoing professional development opportunities
- maintain a safe and supportive working environment

We believe that the Centre is a valuable community resource, and as such we aim to:

- build relationships with all our services
- build relationships with other community agencies
- provide an accessible, flexible, and high quality service in response to community needs

