



# YULUWIRRI KIDS PHILOSOPHY

All children have a right to an education that lays the foundation for the rest of their lives, maximises their ability and respects their family, cultural and other identities and languages. That children are active and individual participants in all matters affecting their lives.

Play is very important for children. Children learn best through play. Through play babies and young children explore, discover, investigate, collaborate, research and learn about their world. Through play they find a belonging, a place to be and a place to become. We believe play is the foundation for children's development. Through play children are showing what they have learned and what they are trying to understand.

We believe that Yuluwirri Kids is a community where children learn through play, where we work in partnership with families and our community to provide quality early childhood education and care, while catering for each individual's diverse strengths, values, interests and needs.

We will achieve this through

- applying our philosophy to the centre's daily program, operations, practices, policies and
- the following goals

## FOR OUR CHILDREN OUR GOALS ARE:

- To create an environment where children of all ages, genders, cultures and backgrounds feel safe, secure, happy and loved.
- To encourage children to develop by hands on experience where teachers guide and "play" becomes an education in itself.
- To foster individual development by planning programs that are the result of individual observations, and child initiated needs and interests. Educators will provide active learning environments, Intentional teaching, co-construct with children while they learn through holistic experiences.
- To engage children to develop a life long practice of caring for our environment and each other

## FOR OUR FAMILIES & THE COMMUNITY OUR GOALS ARE:

- To respect the differences between families and promote positive attitudes and values about gender, ethnicity and social backgrounds.
- To encourage the involvement of parents, family and the community in our centre as much as possible because we respect and value the important contribution they can make.
- To encourage positive communication between all parties through informal conversations, as well as formal daily records and notice boards, newsletters, Advisory Committee meetings and social events.
- To provide a quality service which meets the needs of all families, and offers a support system for parents.

Yuluwirri Kids community acknowledges and respects the traditional land owners past and present and future on which we play, learn and live.

We believe our philosophy is a growing document that we can review, discuss, reflect on and evaluate. That we can enhance our philosophy to cater for latest research, changing trends in early childhood and the continuous change of our community's needs.

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