



## Stepping Stone Curtis Road Childcare & Early Development Centre

### CENTRE PHILOSOPHY

At Stepping Stone Curtis Road Childcare & Early Development Centre we will provide children with a warm, caring, secure and nurturing environment, an environment children can grow and reach their potential.

We believe in the principles of the United Nations Conventions of the Rights of the Child which informs the Early Childhood Australia's Code of Ethics where the health, safety and wellbeing of each child is protected enabling them to reach their full potential.

Using The Early Years Learning Framework – Belonging, Being, Becoming, educators will encourage each child to learn through play. Through intentional teaching and scaffolding of children's interests, individual and group programs will be developed to provide all children with opportunity to take risk, be challenged, experiment and explore their world and its surroundings. They will be encouraged to participate in multicultural experiences, physical activities both indoors and outdoors, sharing of ideas whilst still having fun, developing new skills and extending on their imagination.

We acknowledge that our centre is built on the traditional lands of the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationships with their country.

All children will have equal opportunity regardless of their gender, culture, socio-economic background, religion or disability. Our children will be treated fairly and with respect at all times.

Working in partnership with our families we will develop respectful and trusting relationships where we value and support each other to deliver positive learning outcomes for all children. Families are encouraged to make contributions to our centre and to share their ideas, experiences and culture. We will embrace the local and extended community and through our open door policy all are welcome into the centre.

We will support and promote children developing an understanding of sustainability and explore ways we can all help care for our world. Sustainable practices are embedded in our centre through our curriculum and daily practices and where possible we will provide resources from natural and renewable sources.

Our team of educators are highly trained and skilled individuals who are encouraged and supported to actively participate in Professional Development and use reflection as a guide for self-improvement. Professional Development assists educators keep up to date with current knowledge on Early Childhood Education and Care.

At Stepping Stone Curtis Road it is our aim to ensure each child's learning journey is a happy one where each child feels supported and has fun whilst learning.

Written by Centre Director and Staff Team in consultation with children and families.