



# Centre Philosophy

At Stepping Stone Evanston Childcare + Early Development Centre we provide a safe, secure, friendly and caring environment for all of our families, children, educators and visitors.

At our Centre we believe that all children have the right to be treated equally and as individuals. Children are unique and therefore our Centre will respect and be inclusive of all cultural backgrounds, religious persuasion, racial origin and additional needs. We provide equality for all children and value each child as being their own person. We endeavour to provide secure and respectful relationships with all families and educators within our Centre and wider community.

We provide a friendly and enthusiastic staff team of professional educators that strive to make your child's time with us a positive and fun learning experience. Our educators have opportunities to undertake professional development to assist in ongoing learning for children and for themselves, ensuring we have current and relevant practices that enable us to offer your child high quality care.

Using the Early Years Learning Framework as our platform, learning outcomes will be achieved through play and enhanced through intentional teaching. Children are encouraged to make choices and take part in activities whilst having fun. A variety of individual and group activities, indoor and outdoor experiences are encouraged through the opportunity of spontaneous play.

A collaborative approach to learning will embrace multicultural experiences and activities based on the individual interests of each child. Through continuous and respectful engagement, children will feel safe and secure enabling their natural curiosity and desire to explore their environment to lead to successful outcomes.

We endeavour to make our Centre a more sustainable environment in which children have opportunities to learn about recycling, growing their own produce and being involved in sustainable practices. This is important for our children's future and we encourage our families and the community to be involved in this with us, sharing any ideas they may have with our service.

Our Centre strives to be actively involved within our community, working together with our local schools, councils, libraries and health care facilities to build positive foundations and relationships. We work in partnership with families and the local community to assist our children in understanding and exploring their surroundings.

At our Centre we aim to provide an environment that is welcoming to all. We value open and meaningful communication and form trusting and respectful relationships with each family.

Most importantly we ensure that all children enjoy their time with us while learning through play.

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