



Stepping Stone Angle Vale Childcare & Early Development Centre

CENTRE PHILOSOPHY

At Stepping Stone Angle Vale Childcare and Early Development Centre we aim to provide every child with a warm, friendly, safe, stimulating and fun environment in which they can make friends and learn; where interactions build trust and confidence with children and families alike.

We believe that a welcoming environment fosters relationships with families, where we can work together to provide the best possible outcomes for all the children in our care. The sharing of information and the relationship between families and educators is fundamental to the growth and development of each child.

We believe that every child has the right to an education, and a right to learn. We believe in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Children, and allow children to express their needs and interests with guidance and care from our educators.

Our curriculum allows for the children to have embedded skills for in later in life for social interactions, problem solving and conflict resolution.

Our team of professional educators provide a developmentally and age appropriate program scaffolding the children's learning following the Early Years Learning Framework. This program includes a range of experiences based on the needs and interests of the children to develop skills, and extend on those the children already have. These experiences extend on the children's development and will incorporate such things as indoor/outdoor play, multi-cultural experiences, and individual, small and large group experiences. Through these activities we will promote and encourage skills such as self-help, risk taking, problem solving, and co-operation, confidence, persistence, creativity, experimentation and curiosity skills.

Parents / Guardians and families of the children play the most important role in a child's development and lives. At Stepping Stone Angle Vale we encourage and welcome parent input and feedback in regards to their child's development. We believe that good communication between us and the families create meaningful relationships and participation.

We believe that for children to feel a sense of belonging and to feel connected with their world we need to role model and teach the children respect for each other, the equipment and the environment. We will teach the children about the differences in our world including culture, diversity, lifestyle, additional needs and disabilities. We will also foster the learning about and importance of the local community, and what it is to be part of and contribute to the community. We believe that it is important to role model and teach the children about sustainability, water usage, re-cycling, up-cycling and the conservation of the Earth's resources.

At Stepping Stone Angle Vale we use the National Quality Framework to guide and scaffold our practices. We encourage and support our educators with Professional Development opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge. We are committed to providing the best quality care for the health, wellbeing and safety for all children, educators, families and visitors in our care.

We believe all children are unique individuals and their knowledge, experiences, culture, abilities and community shape who they are, and that this is the foundation of their learning.

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