



Stepping Stone Angle Vale Childcare & Early Development Centre

Centre Philosophy

At Stepping Stone Childcare and Early Development Centre in Angle Vale, our goal is to create a nurturing and inclusive environment for every child. We strive to foster a space that values diverse backgrounds, embraces neurodiversity, spirituality, and cultural differences. Here, children are empowered to cultivate their autonomy, celebrate their individuality, and embark on a journey of self-discovery.

We pay our respects to the traditional custodians of the Kurna Land, acknowledging their enduring connection to this land. At our centre, we deeply value the significant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the education and care of our children. We are committed to fostering respectful connections within both our immediate and extended communities, actively promoting understanding and respect for the land, nature, and animals within our learning environment.

At our Angle Vale centre, we deeply value the pivotal role that families play in the growth and development of each child. We actively invite and embrace family input and feedback concerning their child's development, recognising the invaluable insights they offer. We hold firm to the belief that fostering co-constructed, collaborative relationships is essential in cultivating lifelong bonds and meaningful connections.

We hold firm to the belief that every child is entitled to high quality education, and we champion the right to learn through play. Our commitment aligns closely with the principles outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which underscores the importance of celebrating each child's ability to express themselves through their spirituality, culture, heritage, and beliefs. We wholeheartedly support and encourage their freedom of voice and expression in our nurturing environment.

At Stepping Stone Angle Vale, our centre is dedicated to delivering high quality education and care to all children within our local community, guided by the National Quality Framework. We prioritise the ongoing professional development of our educators, offering them ample opportunities to enrich their skills and knowledge. Our firm commitment is to foster an environment that comprehensively addresses the diverse needs of children, ensuring the highest standards of care for the health, wellbeing, and safety of every child, educator, family member, and visitor.



Our dedicated team of educators is committed to crafting a curriculum that embraces play-based pedagogy, placing a strong emphasis on the significance of culture and trauma-informed practices to nurture the individual growth of each child. Through a child-centred approach, we prioritise the exploration of children's interests and aspirations, fostering an environment where they can freely discover, imagine, and explore their own learning journey.

Our Play-based learning curriculum is designed to be developmentally responsive to all children, guided by the principles outlined in the Early Years Learning Framework V2.0. We structure it to scaffold their curiosity and enthusiasm, which encourages their innate desire to learn and grow. Our curriculum encompasses a diverse array of experiences, carefully curated within both indoor and outdoor environments. These experiences are tailored to encourage essential skills such as self-help, risk-taking, problem-solving, cooperation, confidence, persistence, creativity, experimentation, and curiosity. We seek to awaken each child's appreciation of their natural surroundings and the beautiful resources it can provide. We believe in an authentic relationship with our environment that is stimulating, nurturing and adaptable to the individual needs of each child. With our natural yards and our very own fruit trees and flora beds we believe that our environment acts as a third teacher. Fostering understanding and care, creativity and spontaneity that develops a sense of belonging and connection to our land and community.

At our centre, we aspire to play a meaningful role within our community by serving as a model for sustainable practices. We are dedicated to caring for the environment through initiatives focused on reducing, reusing, and recycling, embedding these principles deeply within our everyday practices. We firmly believe that by nurturing a connection with our natural surroundings, we empower young children to cultivate a lifelong attitude of respect, positivity, and proactivity toward building a sustainable future.

In summary, at Stepping Stone Childcare and Early Development Centre in Angle Vale, we are committed to providing a nurturing environment where every child can thrive. Through our dedication to diversity, respect for indigenous heritage, and focus on family and community involvement, we strive to create a space where children can flourish and thrive. Our emphasis on quality education, self-expression, and sustainability ensures that we are not only shaping young minds but also fostering a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

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