

1.2 PHILOSOPHY

At Mackay Family Day Care Scheme we value childhood, family, honesty, each other, community, imagination, individuality, creativity and challenge.

To ensure we provide a truly quality service we will:

- Provide happy, fun, safe, flexible and nurturing environments for children that stimulate and foster their creativity and development by allowing them to be challenged, to explore, to use their imaginations, to improvise, to know and value the natural environment and to extend their interests.
- Enhance children's learning through their play by providing a variety of experiences that promote equity and socially acceptable behaviours, define boundaries and expand on the children's knowledge, development, resilience and independence.
- Ensure play is lead by the children, is spontaneous, is adaptable and is based upon their interests and needs.
- Ensure safety by assessing and minimising risk while still encouraging children to experience a variety of new challenges.
- Create environments that are inclusive and supportive where families have a sense of belonging.
- Develop relationships that respect, support and share decision making with families and their children through open communications that encourage shared ideas, opinions and values.
- Ensure that all children are treated equally but also as individuals in respect to their culture, values, backgrounds, interests and capabilities.
- Value indigenous cultures and those different from our own by increasing our understanding and acceptance through positive inquiry.
- Improve our services by continually reflecting upon our current practices and by creating opportunities to share knowledge and leadership such as playgroups, networking and other professional development.
- Be active participants in our local community by developing networks, sharing information and working together with other community organisations to support children and their families.

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