

# KATE COCKS PHILOSOPHY

Together with families, our philosophy is shaped by our dream of a better world, where nature and people exist in harmony. Diversity is celebrated and a collective social responsibility is valued by all. We recognise that we are uniquely placed to begin our reconciliation journey and we are dedicated to learning about and acknowledging the Kurna people as the traditional owners of the land.

## Relationships With Children

Our relationships with children are at the heart of everything we do. We recognise children as competent, capable, and unique. We endeavour to provide opportunities that encourage them to develop their imagination, creativity, and resilience, in a nurturing, safe and secure environment. We value children's voices, actively seeking their input and perspectives in our interactions and decision-making processes. Children are empowered about their rights. Their voices are heard and valued.

*"I love you teaching me" – Riley.*

## Partnerships with Families

By developing strong relationships with families, we can ensure that various preferences, views, and interests are valued and respected. This enhances the care given to children and contributes to our curriculum decision making.

*"Families are children's first and most influential educators". DEEWR*

## Educators

Educators are our most valuable resource, each bringing qualities that create positive, respectful, and nurturing environments. Each educator inspires passion and curiosity by providing engaging and diverse learning experiences in a culturally safe environment.

Educators endeavour to walk alongside each child as they continue their learning journey.

*"Educators are the heart and soul of our centre." Karina Moreton, Director.*

## Community

We view the community as an extension of our learning environment. As active members we are committed to increasing awareness and highlighting the importance of cultural events. We welcome community involvement within our centre as a beneficial resource that contributes to children's belonging, being and becoming.

*"It takes a village to raise a child." African proverb.*

## Learning Environments

All educators promote the use of recycled, reusable, natural, sustainable, and ethical resources. We encourage children to explore their inherent connection to nature including dirt, sand, and water in all weather. Promoting a sense of responsibility and respect for our natural environment and sustainable practices is an area we are passionate about educating future generations.

*"An understanding of the natural world is a source of not only great curiosity but great fulfillment." Sir David Attenborough.*