

Karoonda Preschool Philosophy



For the Children

We believe:

- ✎ That each child is a unique individual and learns and develops at their own pace
- ✎ Children learn most effectively through play & hands on experiences
- ✎ That working with families in partnership enhances children's learning & wellbeing

We aim to provide this by:

- ✎ Ensuring children are safe, physically & emotionally
- ✎ By providing an environment that is child orientated and reflects the children's voices, and is engaging and encourages risk-taking
- ✎ Providing a variety of learning experiences appropriate to their developmental needs which supports the holistic development of a child – social, emotional, physical, intellectual.
- ✎ Being respectful of each individual and the family they come from (social, physical, gender, religion, race)
- ✎ Encouraging caring relationships with staff, & other children

For Parents and Families

We aim to support parents/carers & families in their role as primary care givers & educators by:

- ✎ Warmly welcoming them into our preschool, and providing a friendly, safe, caring environment in which parents can confidently leave their children
- ✎ Sharing information with parents/carers about their children and the preschool program
- ✎ Providing information about services for families and children
- ✎ Reflecting the values of the diverse family & cultural backgrounds of individual children
- ✎ We value involvement & participation and encourage open communication.
- ✎ Valuing privacy & confidentiality

For the staff

We aim to create an environment that is positive & mutually supportive for staff by:

- ✎ Creating a safe working environment in accordance with Work Health & Safety (WHS) requirements
- ✎ Supporting continued learning as professionals
- ✎ Providing appropriate resources which reflects our diverse world

To ensure the provision of quality children's services, our staff will work as a team to:

- ✎ Provide a friendly, caring, safe & secure environment
- ✎ Value the uniqueness of each child, parent/care provider & staff
- ✎ Display effective communication with children & adults
- ✎ Demonstrate skills & knowledge of child development
- ✎ Be a positive role model for children
- ✎ Share a commitment to the Preschool goals & philosophy
- ✎ Reflect on our program with the aim of continuous improvement

Our Staff will be required to behave in a professional manner & at all times maintain confidentiality.

Values

At Karoonda Area School and Preschool we value:

Respect

We believe in a healthy learning community in which we respect property and accept everyone's contribution

Honesty

We believe in the value of honesty by all in the community

Success

We believe that being consistent in rules and expectations sets up for success

Vision

All students reach their full potential and develop skills for successful life-long learning

NQS Standard: 7.2.1

National Regulations: 55, 56

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