

## Our Philosophy

In Parafield Gardens Children's Centre, we believe that every person is capable and competent and has potential to improve, grow and develop. Children's and families' voices are integral to our philosophy, influencing decisions and enriching our learning environment.

### Our Core Values

#### Community

- We build strong partnerships with families, community groups, and agencies to provide culturally sensitive, needs-based support to foster meaningful connections and a sense of belonging.
- We encourage active participation and engagement from families and the wider community throughout our centre.

#### Excellence

- We deliver high-quality education and care through individualised and intentional teaching and purposeful play.
- We embed the Early Years Learning Framework and National Quality Standards to achieve positive learning outcomes and family/community connections.
- We continuously reflect and improve our programs and services to maintain high standards of practice.

#### Lifelong Learning

- We support dispositions for learning, such as curiosity, creativity, resilience, and confidence, to create lifelong learners.
- We embed literacy and cultural learning into the curriculum to foster children's ongoing knowledge, skills, and development.
- We promote professional growth for educators and staff through reflection and continuous improvement.

#### Respect

- We recognise every person as capable, competent, and with the potential to grow.
- We respect each child's individuality, cultural background, and traditions. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of our land.
- We build respectful relationships with families, recognizing their role as the primary carers and partners in children's learning.

#### Wellbeing

- We prioritise children's physical, emotional, and social wellbeing at the heart of all practices.
- We provide early intervention and equitable support for children with special rights and family needs.
- We ensure a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment that fosters a sense of security and belonging.