As a community our philosophy states our shared beliefs about children and learning. We believe that children learn through their relationships with other children and adults in a social, play based environment. We recognize that all behaviour is a form of communication and is an opportunity for each individual to learn.

As a staff team we believe:
• All children have the right to feel secure and to learn and develop in a psychological and physically safe environment
• Children have a right to express their feelings and to be supported to develop positive behaviours that underpin the development of relationships with peers and adults
• Effective communication and learning occurs when families and educators work together to develop common goals for a child’s well being, learning and development.
• That the consideration of children’s individual, and contextual needs are crucial to successful learning and the development of positive behaviours
• That family consultation is valued and their individual perspectives respected
• Children have the right to be supported by educators who model appropriate behaviours and ensure consistent limits are set
• No child should be made to feel rejected, insecure, embarrassed or ashamed.

As a staff team we promote positive behaviour and interactions by:
• Planning for and providing an environment that promotes a sense of belonging, being and becoming and provides enhanced opportunities for learning through play
• Ensuring that limits set are reasonable and understood by all children and adults
• Providing an enriching and engaging program that enables each child to experience success, a sense of well being and gives opportunities to express feelings through sensory and other forms of play
• Using positive verbal and non verbal guidance
• Demonstrate empathy and sensitivity to each child being mindful of the variety of factors that influence behaviour
• Planning enabling opportunities for the development of skills including resilience, agency, entry and exit skills when playing, appropriate risk taking, conflict resolution, independence, leadership, respect for others and communication.
• Interacting positively, using positive language and acknowledging and modelling respectful behaviour
• Valuing children as individuals within their family and cultural context
• Involving children in goal setting, developing group norms and the development of behavioural expectations and consequences through discussion with children individually, and in groups
• Intentional teaching of appropriate behaviours and play skills, building on each child’s strengths and achievements and providing choices when possible
• Encouraging open communication with children, families and staff to ensure that each child’s rights are met.
We will respond to challenging behaviours by:

- Reminding children that everyone has the right to feel safe at kindergarten
- Reminding children of expectations and limits
- Supporting children to problem solve, negotiate, find resolutions and manage emotions appropriately
- Using practices that support children to empathise with others and restore relationships
- Communicating with and involving families at the earliest opportunity to work together positively to assist the child’s well being and learning
- Assessing individual children’s learning and development and reflecting on and reviewing the planned program and how the active learning environment supports positive behaviours
- Planning, implementing, monitoring and reviewing individual behaviour plans in partnership with families and support services where necessary
- Being aware of our limitations and seeking assistance when required
- Withdrawing children when they are at risk of hurting themselves or others, ensuring that an adult is with them all the time.

For further information please refer to