Wattle Park Kindergarten

Our Philosophy

It takes a community to raise a child

We believe

- Your child has a right to high quality early childhood education and his/her learning and developmental journey is unique.
- Your child is an individual and this individuality is celebrated.
- Your child’s current knowledge, ideas, culture, abilities and interests are the foundation of the learning program.
- Your child learns through their relationships with other children and adults in a social, play-based environment.
- Your child has the right to be raised and nurtured in a supportive community and you (parents, guardians and carers) are their first significant educators.
- Your child has the right to feel safe and to be supported in assessing safe risks to promote his/her independence.
- We acknowledge and respect Indigenous and other cultures within our community and promote respectful relationships.

We believe

- All learning is important and in-depth learning supports your child to make more connections in his/her world.
- Children learn and thrive where they are given opportunities to experience challenges and take considered risks. For this to happen we believe children need to feel safe and supported and this in turn builds emotional resilience.
- The physical environment is a significant context in which each child learns. Therefore, we structure the environment, not the child, so that each child can access the resources they need to express their knowledge and understanding.
- Early childhood is an important time for establishing lifelong healthy eating habits, which promote health.

Learning outcomes are integrated in our practice which promote and encourage important life skills such as:

- Independence
- Emotional Resilience
- Social Competence
- Self Motivation
- Persistence
- Resourcefulness

Our educators

- Support your child’s learning by providing a friendly, nurturing, stimulating and welcoming environment.
- Support your child’s learning through building strong, secure and positive relationships with each other, other children and families.
- Support your child’s learning by providing opportunities to develop the skills, attitudes and dispositions to thrive in this constantly changing world.
- Respond to each child’s ideas and use intentional teaching to scaffold and extend their learning.

In 2015 we are undertaking a series of activities to review the kindy philosophy... WE WANT YOUR INPUT... What makes us... US?!