

## **Birchip Early Learning Centre**

### **Philosophy Statement**

Birchip Early Learning Centre provides a supportive and nurturing learning environment for children and their families.

#### **Our values**

We provide positive experiences in a safe and stimulating environment. The Victorian Early Years Learning Framework provides us with a foundation for ensuring that children reach their full potential. We see learning as a prism of many opportunities to be explored and considered and aim to provide a holistic approach to child development, in preparing them for life.

Teachers and educators support the children trusted to our care to expand on their interests and abilities in a caring and supportive environment. Children engage in a variety of small and large group activities as well as individual experiences, providing each child with opportunities to explore and practise at coming up with innovative solutions, demonstrating adaptive behaviour and being resourceful. Teachers lead by example.

We work towards:

- Allowing the children to participate in experiences that develop self-reliance and self-esteem;
- Encouraging children to express their opinions;
- Having regard to family and cultural values, age, physical and intellectual development and abilities of each child;
- Giving each child positive guidance and encouragement towards acceptable behaviour;
- Maintaining the dignity and rights of each child at all times.

Teachers and educators work in partnership with each other, communicating and respecting each other's roles, experiences and individual expertise. We acknowledge the importance of community and planning together while ensuring confidentiality at all times. We believe critical reflection and careful planning increases the value of each child's educational experience at the Birchip Child Care