



Grace Berglund Kindergarten

Philosophy Statement

Our mission is to nurture and educate preschool age children and help them to reach their potential. We create an environment which is positive, safe, inviting and stimulating for families and children.

Our values

Education

Learning is play based and both child and teacher led. We believe for children to grow, learn and participate fully and actively in society we must provide a nurturing, creative and stimulating play based environment. We provide both parents and children opportunities to participate in and shape the learning environment.

Communication

We listen to and value the voice of the child and teach them to become effective communicators. Teacher and child led enquiry and interests including intentional teaching will guide and develop each child's learning, self-esteem, strengths and interests. We believe that children have the right to be heard.

Wellbeing

Each child's health, safety and wellbeing will be developed through a healthy achievement program and developing a respect and interest not only for the environment but for themselves and each other. We also teach children to develop resilience skills, to manage disappointment, anxiety, frustration and loss.

Community and transition

Partnerships between the kinder, families and community support all activities. Children will be supported through their journey from home, to kinder and to school. Children at Grace Berglund Kindergarten are connected to and contribute to their world and the world outside the kindergarten.

Identity

We believe in diversity and equity for all and create an inclusive environment where all children have equal opportunity to learn. We respect and value the traditional owners of the land, the Kurnai people, on which our kinder stands.

We celebrate and respect each child and family's gender, race, culture and religion including LGBTIQ families. A sense of belonging, value and connection to others will be encouraged and present at all times.

Along with Grace Berglund Kindergarten's values, we also uphold the United Nations Rights of the Child, the Victorian Child Safe Standards, National Quality Standards, Victorian Early Years Learning Framework and Early Childhood Australia Code of Ethics.