

Fairview Heights Community Kindergarten

"A Children's Garden Where Individuals are Nurtured."

MISSION STATEMENT

At Fairview Heights Community Kindergarten we aim to create a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment where individual children are respected and valued.

We do this with the support of kindergarten families, the wider community and the Creche and Kindergarten Association of Queensland.

PHILOSOPHY

At Fairview Heights Community Kindergarten we see each child as a unique individual with his / her own experiences, ways of learning, interests and needs. Children are competent, capable learners full of curiosity and wonder ready to construct meaning about themselves and their world. We believe that children learn best when they are encouraged to explore, to take initiatives and to problem solve through concrete, first hand experiences. Children develop and thrive in a community of close dependable relationships which provide encouragement and acceptance, love and security, responsiveness and nurturance.

Our program recognises that through long periods of uninterrupted play children are able to develop their own ideas, build on their experiences, make sense of their world and become life long learners. Children are given the time, support and encouragement that they need to build on their own interests and to develop at their own pace. The adults in our centre work closely with children as individuals, as members of small groups and as members of a large group to facilitate learning so that children are routinely involved in decision making about their own learning.

The environment at Fairview Heights Community Kindergarten is carefully structured to provide safe and engaging experiences with opportunities for children to play, to take risks, to be challenged and to be successful. The environment is aesthetically pleasing, with a light airy indoor room and an interesting, safe outdoor area. Children are encouraged to be involved in caring for the environment and to see the centre as "their" kindergarten.

At Fairview Heights Community Kindergarten we recognise and value the very special role that a child's family plays in his/her development. Children live in diverse families and communities and their attitudes, values and behaviour are embedded in the context in which these families operate. To this end we believe that it is very important to establish a relationship of mutual trust, respect and co-operation with parents so that we can produce the best outcomes for all children.

As caring, competent Early Childhood professionals we feel that it is important to continually reflect on and evaluate our program to best meet the needs of the children and families attending our centre. We are also conscious of the need to upgrade our knowledge and understanding of current Early Childhood practice and regularly attend conferences, workshops, teachers meetings and read professional journals. We seek to abide by The Code of Ethics set down by Early Childhood Australia in order to provide the best environment for children and their families.