

Our Centre Philosophy

The staff and management at Auckland's Best Childcare Centre are first and foremost the child's advocate. We are dedicated to acting in the child's interests in all matters including those of an educational, social and safety nature. We recognize that meaningful relationships are a key to a child's education and development, supported by an appreciation of the wealth of cultures within our surrounding community. We endeavour to provide an atmosphere of love and security, in which all children feel valued and therein find the confidence to embrace the diversity of the people around them. This is expected to foster healthy, optimistic attitudes; giving a balanced perspective on life.

We believe in the importance of the family and strengthening the bonds of the family unit through a partnership between home and the Centre. Our goal is for an environment of open communication where Parents and Caregivers feel comfortable discussing their hopes, joys, aspirations and concerns for their children with Staff. Parents are welcomed into the centre at any time of the day and are encouraged to stay and interact with their child.

Children at our centre are taught morals and values in the curriculum. This means an emphasis is placed on the importance of respect, acceptance, learning good manners, ethical behaviours and politeness. Our curriculum is focused on being child-centred and is built on the learning that takes place in the family, community and the wider world. We believe there are multiple pathways to a successful child learning experience originating from the child's interest.

We provide a spacious, novel and fun environment that is socially rich and well resourced; encouraging challenge, risk – taking, exploration and group contribution. We value the imaginative development of children in both the outdoor and indoor environments. We also believe it is vital that children are physically, cognitively and spirituality enhanced. We place great importance on children's learning through play, recognizing specific interests, strengths and abilities. As teachers we provide for children the love of learning, making their journey exciting and challenging for them to thrive.

To uphold the centre spirit, staff work together as a happy and professional team. As staff we celebrate each other's differences and contributions through open communication, being supportive and respectful while accepting challenge. We see it as our responsibility to create an environment, which upholds the bicultural heritage of New Zealand and the principles of partnership inherent in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We celebrate a rich environment where languages, rituals and symbols of children's own and other cultures are promoted and protected. To remain current in early childhood theory and practice, staff actively participate in continuing education to ensure an optimum learning experience for each child.