



# All Saints Preschool

## Philosophy

All Saints Preschool's philosophy is based on the beliefs and values of the children, families, staff and committee of the preschool. It reflects National Law, the Early Years Learning Framework and the word of God. It is based firmly on the belief that all children have a right to high quality Early Childhood Education and Care.

### **ABOUT CHILDREN**

At All Saints Preschool we believe that each child is a unique gift from God, who is made in his image. We believe that children are capable individuals with their own interests, skills, personalities and talents. We believe that all children are of equal value and worthy of dignity and respect.

### **ABOUT PARENTS AND FAMILIES**

At All Saint's Preschool we acknowledge that parents are children's primary caregivers and that we are privileged to partner with families in helping to educate children and support their development. Each family is different and unique; families are worthy of respect and dignity and are an invaluable resource that should be respected by all within the preschool community. We believe that we have a

responsibility to care for the whole family and offer holistic support. Families have a right to expect confidentiality and professionalism at all times.

### **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY**

At All Saint's Preschool we believe that we don't operate in isolation; the wider community plays a key role in shaping the preschool. The preschool seeks to look beyond ourselves and be involved in, and engaged with, the community. We want children to be exposed to the world beyond the immediate.

### **ABOUT HOW CHILDREN LEARN**

As a preschool, we believe that children learn best through collaborative, mutual relationships within a safe and supportive environment. We believe that play and exploration are important contexts for learning that are rich and dynamic. We believe that children learn through hands on experiences, and that through using their interests, prior knowledge and talents a world of opportunities is opened. We believe in providing open-ended, uninterrupted times for individual and shared learning and time to reflect and ponder.

### **ABOUT THE PRESCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND CURRICULUM**

We believe in offering an environment that is predictable and yet fluid and ever evolving to the needs and interests of children. We believe

in providing natural resources and providing an atmosphere that allows for natural exploration and discovery. We value a safe, stimulating and well maintained environment that allows children to challenge themselves and take calculated risks.

## **ABOUT INCLUSION**

As we believe that each child is a unique gift from God, we believe that each child is valued and precious. Every child has a place within our community. All Children regardless of gender, nationality, ability, language and culture will be treated with equal respect and dignity and offered an individualised program within our preschool. Every child will be supported to participate in all aspects of the program and to learn from one another.

## **ABOUT STAFF**

We believe in having highly qualified staff who are committed, well trained life-long learners who are advocates for children and quality Early Childhood Education and Care. We believe that all staff are unique, gifted and have their own passions. We strive for each staff member to be able to use their passions, gifts and talents to enrich the preschool. We also strive to provide a professional, yet supportive workplace where educators are valued and respected.