



# Stepping Stone Kidman Park Childcare & Early Development Centre

## Centre Philosophy

Stepping Stone Kidman Park Childcare & Early Development Centre will provide a safe, happy and caring environment, giving respectful physical care to each child. We will create a warm, secure setting where a child feels loved and is able to develop confidence and independence within him/herself at their own pace.

All children have the right to be treated equally with regard to religious persuasion, racial origin, additional needs and cultural background. The whole team will respect the views and opinions of every child, without racial or gender stereotyping. We will value each child as an individual.

The centre will provide a stimulating learning environment with opportunities for children to access a well-balanced educational curriculum based on play, both indoors and out, as promoted through the National Quality Framework including the Early Years Learning Framework, Reflect, Respect and Relate and the National Quality Standards.

Families play the most important role in their child's development. We actively encourage family involvement and participation within the Centre to further strengthen this partnership as well as encouraging the children to recognise this continuity. Through a partnership with families our aim is to support and participate in their child's progress. In this respect, communication and discretion between families and Educators is essential. A relationship of mutual trust will minimise misunderstandings and encourage shared values. We will promote positive attitudes and experiences for all children in our care, by working and co-operating with families and Educators.

We will value our team of dedicated Educators and will encourage and actively support the ongoing professional development of all team members. We will encourage our Educators to examine their practices, reflect and make changes to improve the learning experiences for children.

We will be active in the local community, linking with a wide variety of outside agencies, such as schools, libraries and health centres. These partnerships will encourage children to participate in the wider world as well as preparing them for future life experiences,



introducing them to environments that care and respect all children and their families.

Stepping Stone (SA) Childcare & Early Development Centres Pty Ltd. promotes the ethos of The UN Convention on The Rights of the Child, in which the United Nations has recognised that childhood is entitled to special care and assistance. We strongly believe in all the articles of the Convention. A copy of this article can be found in the Centres Policy and Procedures File and on display behind the desk in the main entrance.

Written by Centre Director and Staff Team in consultation with children and families.

