

## Stepping Stone Lightsview Childcare & Early Development Centre

**Centre Philosophy** 

Stepping Stone Lightsview embraces the opportunity to make a real difference to our communities' future generation. We believe that every child has the right to enjoy quality education and care.

We believe in a holistic approach to education and care providing all children with a unique opportunity to learn and grow. We use the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and National Quality Standards (NQS) to guide our educational practices and programming. All children are encouraged to learn through play whilst having fun. We take every opportunity to extend on experiences through responsive and intentional teaching.

We believe in the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which informs the Early Childhood Australia's Code of Ethics where the health, safety and wellbeing of each child is protected enabling them to reach their full potential.

Our centre believes in embracing the diversity in our community, offering a safe, secure, nurturing and caring environment for all children, families, visitors and educators. We believe in all children being treated equally and as individuals and therefore our centre will respect and be inclusive of all cultural backgrounds, religions, racial origins and the individual needs of each child.

We believe that through working closely with our families and embracing differences we enrich the lives of each child as they learn about their community and the world they live in. By creating partnerships and working collaboratively we can create a future generation of confident, competent and independent learners, who have a strong sense of identity.

Our outdoor spaces offer both natural and built environments where children are encouraged to explore, take risks, accept challenge and build confidence as they learn and develop new skills. We promote planned and spontaneous indoor and outdoor learning experiences, physical activity, healthy eating and opportunity for sleep and relaxation.

Our educators are dedicated early childhood professionals who are enthusiastic and



passionate about creating positive relationships with you and your child. Our educators believe in ongoing personal development and critical reflection ensuring quality experiences and outcomes.

Being part of a unique sustainable community "Lightsview" we are committed to embedding sustainable practices into our centre, teaching our children how important it is to care and connect with their environment. By teaching our children about our environment they will gain a sense of belonging, responsibility and an understanding of how they can contribute to creating a sustainable world.

We believe that the early years is the most crucial developmental stage in a person's life, this is a time for learning, discovery, exploration, fun and adventure.

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." – Chinese Proverb

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

