



# Stepping Stone Northfield Childcare & Early Development Centre

## Centre Philosophy

Stepping Stone Northfield Childcare & Development Centre will provide a happy, safe and nurturing environment where children can develop confidence and independence at their own pace.

We provide an educational program that is stimulating, engaging and enhances children's learning through play and through intentional teaching to scaffold and extend on their learning. We embrace children's ideas and interests incorporating these into the program and encourage them to make choices, decision, influence events and explore their world.

Children are provided with opportunities to experience and participate in group activities as well as individual activities providing a sense of place. All children are given the opportunity to move between the indoors and outdoors, experiencing both built and natural environments that are developmentally appropriate. We encourage children to explore and become competent learners, as promoted through the Early Years Learning Framework.

We value each child as an individual, embracing diversity and multiculturalism. We encourage family involvement and participation to build strong partnerships with families and provide all children inclusive practices.

Our staff team of dedicated, passionate and qualified Educators are encouraged and actively supported to reflect on their practices and seek ongoing professional development.

We are active in the local and wider communities inviting the community to visit and participate in our program. We will continue to strengthen the relationship with our local school and kindergarten through visits into their community.

We incorporate sustainable practices into the centre to encourage children to have respect for the environment and create a sustainable future for children, families and educators.



We promote and role model healthy eating options by providing children with a nutritionally balanced meal daily.

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

