

SALAMANDER EARLY EDUCATION

CENTRE PHILOSOPHY R.E.S.P.E.C.T

Salamander Child Care Centre would like to acknowledge the Worimi people who are the traditional custodians of this land. Thank you for the sky. Thank you for our earth. Thank you for our friends. Today we play, learn and grow on Worimi land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

RELATIONSHIPS:

Salamander Early Education creates an “environment of relationships”. Relationships are at the core of everything we do. A strong foundation of support for all stakeholders will enable us to live a philosophy of and leave a legacy of meaningful and lasting relationships.

ENVIRONMENT:

Salamander Early Education is a place for joy. A place where children are free to be themselves and express themselves in any way that is meaningful to them. A place where all children are able to, and actively encouraged to flourish.

SAFETY:

At Salamander Early Education, we provide a safe space for our children and their families. We also work outside of the Centre, with a focus on creating a child safe community. Child safety is everyone's responsibility and something that we take very seriously. Child safe practice is embedded within our curriculum and consent is exercised throughout all our spaces. We also value the cultural and emotional safety of our past, current, and future families and educators. We aim to be a Centre that is inclusive of all and a place where everyone feels a true sense of belonging.

PLAY:

All they do is play all day! Which means all they do is actively participate in research, innovation, conversation, critical reflection, problem solving, conflict resolution, literacy, numeracy, and science. What is more, they do all this while having fun. They do all this with the support and guidance of their Educators who expertly create experiences and design environments to challenge and develop their current capacities.

EDUCATION:

“All children are intelligent, if we are intelligent.” (Carla Rinaldi) Children need adults who are intelligent in their approach and their response to the child's complex and ever-changing needs. Salamander Early Education is a community of learners. As adults we are assigned the task of continual professional development so that we can ensure our practice is inline with the most up to date research and Sector thinking. All Educators are provided with access to regular and ongoing Professional Development opportunities. All families are supported so that they have knowledge of and access to appropriate Community resources.

COMMUNITY:

We are extremely proud to be a community-based Centre. We are active members of the Port Stephens Community, and we take on the role of supporting the development of future community champions. We support children to see the value in themselves, the value in their differences, the value in what they can do and the value in doing things differently.

TRUST:

We do not expect children to conform, we expect all children to be treated with respect and to be seen for the unique and capable individuals that they are. We understand that there is a huge difference between compliance and respect. Throughout the Centre, we promote a positive image of the child where their contributions and input are genuinely heard and valued. We trust our children.

Respect yourself, respect each other, respect our profession.