

# Elermore Vale Public School Preschool Philosophy



We begin by acknowledging the original custodians of this land, the Awabakal people of the Pambalong Clan, those from the past and the present, and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within our community. We recognise the many cultures that enrich our community. We deeply appreciate the contribution they make to our shared understanding of culture.

Our programs are designed and driven by all educators, children and families, their interests, passions, culture and strengths at the core. Our inquiry-based learning gives our children skills for life. They are capable digital learners who access technology for innovation and success. Our intentional teaching enhances and extends children's understandings, incorporates challenge, and builds on their skills to observe, investigate, problem-solve, socialise, cooperate, listen, question and reason. We embed the Early Years Learning Framework in our program as Best Practice. The National Quality Standards guide our continual improvement.

We believe that families are their child's first teacher, and we therefore see ourselves as an extension of your family. We highly value diversity and accept and celebrate differences. Each child, family member and educator are unique and respected individuals. We encourage and support children to be inclusive, interact peacefully and collaboratively with empathy.

We view ourselves as an integral part of a wider community. We acknowledge our role in helping build capable, resourceful lifelong learners. Partnerships with families maintain open and meaningful communication. We have a vital role in building a community that values children, respects their rights, encourages individuality, creativity, and develops positive self-esteem and confidence. The UN Rights of the Child are always paramount.



We believe in the rights of children to be able to feel the grass beneath their feet, the sun on their faces, experience the natural rhythms of the seasons and breathe fresh air. We believe we are entrusted with nurturing our most precious gift – our children.

We believe, when children are supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and choices, they will develop a strong sense of independence and a love of learning. Children will have opportunities to discover, wonder, learn about themselves and others and explore in an atmosphere that is harmonious and playful. We believe that when provided with opportunities to take on challenges and to engage in safe risk-taking, children will develop confidence and capability.