



Sydney Catholic early childhood
services

Our Philosophy

We believe that we are founded on the person of Jesus Christ and enlivened by the gospel. Therefore, Gospel values and Catholic beliefs underpin the daily relationships and interactions between educators, children, and their families.

We believe we have a moral and legal responsibility to ensure that the safety, welfare, and wellbeing of the child are paramount in all decisions and actions. We are committed to providing child-safe environments.

We believe that each child, family, and educator is unique and valued individually. We value and honour diversity and accept and celebrate differences in other people. We believe each person and their family's values, culture, beliefs, abilities, and language should be acknowledged, and accepted and reflected in our service environment.

We believe children are capable, resourceful, and valued members of the community. We believe children should be encouraged, and supported to follow their learning interests. Activities in the program will be matched to children's interests, providing meaningful and engaging opportunities to create, explore and build knowledge and understanding.

We believe that educators play a significant role in children's lives and we are dedicated to engage the most suitable people to work with children. We look for people who demonstrate the core organisational values of acting with kindness and integrity, being inspirational, intentional, child-centred and joy-filled in their work.

We believe that secure, respectful, and nurturing relationships are foundational to a child's sense of belonging and wellbeing. Our educators provide opportunities for children to develop a strong sense of wellbeing and social competence, where qualities of fairness, humour, empathy and understanding are developed.

We believe play is essential in children's lives. We believe play values the ideal of allowing children to "just be" as a right of all children. We believe play should be fun, exciting, spontaneous, hands-on, stimulating, relaxing, comforting and challenging. Indoor and outdoor play are part of the daily rhythm of the program.

We believe in supporting and developing a partnership with families to share in the nurturing and education of their children. We encourage each family to participate in the SCECS community and support and welcome their interest and involvement.