

Our Philosophy *FIVE DOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL*



At Five Dock Public School Preschool we acknowledge the Wangal people of the Eora Nation who are the first people to live and learn in our beautiful community.

Belonging fosters positive self esteem and **identity**, and this is enhanced when children are seen within the context of their family and their community. We know that through trusting and respectful relationships between children, families and

educators, each child's **wellbeing** is developed and nurtured. We provide a safe setting, while understanding risky play is beneficial.

At Five Dock Public School Preschool, we feel we are **connected** to our natural environment as well as the people in it. We foster a sense of wonder and curiosity for our world that then **contributes** to care and respect. We endorse sustainable resources and loose parts whenever possible.



Educators perceive all children to be creative, active and involved **learners** who benefit best from play-based experiences. Educators engage and co-learn with children, acknowledging individual differences and learning styles so that we nurture an inclusive environment without gender bias. We interact, analyse, scaffold and build on children's interests, encouraging collaboration and negotiation, to create an emergent curriculum that is constantly evolving. We reflect regularly to ensure our learning is meaningful using the **Early Years Learning Framework** as the foundation of our work, thus ensuring best practice.

We believe the Early Childhood years are precious. Allowing children to just be three, four or five must be validated to them, to families and to all Educators, but we are also working towards independence in our children. Educators encourage children to **communicate** ideas and feelings, and make meaning of their world through words, music, movement and art. We expect all at our preschool to interact kindly and respectfully.



We value the input of each family and members of our community at Five Dock Preschool. We promote diversity in our preschool while recognising the importance of open and meaningful communication that promotes an holistic, stimulating and well balanced learning environment.