

Our Philosophy

At St Kevin's OSHC we recognise each child as an individual with important skills and abilities that they can contribute to our community. Our program is based around the key ideas of belonging, being and becoming, based on a knowledge of the developmental stages of School Age Children and the importance of learning through play.

Therefore we aim to:

- + Provide a safe and nurturing environment for every child**
- + Foster positive self-esteem and a strong sense of identity in each child**
- + Meet the individual needs of all children and their families as a priority**
- + Employ staff who will engage children in a range of exciting and stimulating activities whilst caring for the social, physical and emotional well-being of each child**
- + Emphasise the development of life skills as well as a sense of enjoyment**

We recognise:

- ✦ The child's inherent right to feel safe, protected, content and cared for in their environment
- ✦ The importance of child-centred play as well as more structured activities in a child's development
- ✦ The importance of social and emotional development and communication in learning through play and leisure
- ✦ That involvement of families and community in the development of our programs is an ongoing partnership based on effective communication, will result in continuous improvement
- ✦ The importance of a child being in an environment centred on core values of peace, dignity, tolerance, freedom, equality and solidarity
- ✦ The value of ensuring that staff are given opportunities for professional development and supported so that they grow as leaders and carers and are therefore able to maintain high standards of resources and programs for the children

We are committed to:

- ✦ Providing a quality, fun program that allows the children to choose how their time will be spent at OSHC
- ✦ Ensuring that the Management Committee support and communicate effectively with parents, children and staff
- ✦ Providing a stimulating environment where children can be challenged and guided to develop skills in their social, physical and cognitive development
- ✦ Ensuring that children within our service are engaged in quality experiences for rich learning, personal development and citizenship opportunities

