

# LANDSDALE SEL PHILOSOPHY

At Landsdale School of Early Learning, we respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we operate, the Wadjuk people of the Noongar nation.

We are committed to an ongoing journey of learning, striving to educate ourselves with sincerity and authenticity. By enhancing our understanding, we aim to impart this knowledge to the children in our care, ensuring that we deliver an education that honors and respects the traditional landowners.

This acknowledgment extends beyond mere words; it represents our dedication to continuous growth and a genuine respect for the diverse cultures and histories that enrich our community.

## BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

Families play a pivotal role in a child's life, and we are privileged to be part of your child's formative years. We believe our greatest strength lies in the robust, supportive relationships we cultivate with our families and the broader community. Your contributions, ideas, and feedback are invaluable in helping us deliver the highest quality care and education.

We honor and celebrate the diverse cultures, values, and perspectives within our families, and we encourage you to share your skills, talents, and traditions with us. Establishing strong community connections and partnerships with key stakeholders is essential to our collective success.

## SUPPORTING HOLISTIC WELL-BEING

Our dedication to the holistic well-being of children encompasses all facets of their development, aligning with Australian standards and guidelines

**Nutrition:** We offer nutritious meals and snacks that adhere to Australian dietary guidelines, ensuring children receive essential nutrients for healthy growth and development. Our menus are informed by resources such as "Get Up & Grow" and the "Australian Dietary Guidelines," providing a diverse selection while accommodating dietary restrictions and preferences.

**Movement:** Physical activity is an integral component of our daily routine. Regular movement and outdoor play, which encourages children to enhance their motor skills, coordination, and overall physical health. Our practices are guided by resources like "Staying Healthy in Childcare" and "Munch & Move," fostering a passion for active living from an early age.

**Education:** Our educational programs are aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework, offering a comprehensive and diverse curriculum that supports children's cognitive, social, and emotional growth. We emphasize the development of critical thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning through play-based and inquiry-driven approaches.

**Well-being:** We prioritise the emotional and psychological well-being of children by fostering a supportive and inclusive environment. Our educators are trained to recognise and address the individual needs of each child, providing guidance as they navigate their emotions and cultivate resilience. Our practices in promoting mental health and well-being are informed by resources such as "KidsMatter Early Childhood" and "Be You."

## NURTURING AND SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN

At Landsdale SEL, we are dedicated to fostering a safe, secure, and nurturing environment where every child is valued and supported. Our primary focus is on upholding the rights and best interests of the children in our care. Recognising the individuality of each child, our committed educators work to cultivate a supportive atmosphere that promotes personal growth.

We believe that children are inherently curious and enthusiastic learners. We regard them as active participants and decision-makers in their educational journeys, empowering them to explore their strengths and realise their full potential.

We adhere to the principles of equality, ensuring that every child is treated with respect and dignity. Our commitment includes advocating for the "United Rights of a Child." Through our comprehensive program, we offer opportunities that enhance self-esteem, promote independence, develop social skills, and build confidence and resilience, alongside foundational literacy and numeracy skills.

## OUR DEDICATED EDUCATORS

Our educators are deeply committed to fostering warm, positive, and meaningful interactions with children. They dedicate themselves to supporting, guiding, and nurturing each child's unique learning journey. We recognise the significance of cultivating respectful, reciprocal, and secure relationships, ensuring that we are present for the special moments and accomplishments of each child.

Possessing extensive knowledge, our educators employ holistic approaches, responsiveness, and intentional teaching strategies to empower children. We embrace diversity in all its forms, including the rich cultures and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our commitment to continuous improvement is reflected in our practice of self-reflection, meaningful engagement with families and the community, and ongoing professional development. Adhering to the Early Childhood Australia Code of Ethics, we strive to achieve our personal and professional objectives while partnering with you in your child's educational journey.

## A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Our service is meticulously designed to emulate the comfort of home, facilitating a seamless and reassuring transition from the familiar environment of home to childcare. This nurturing atmosphere cultivates a sense of belonging and security, empowering children to develop strong identities and establish connections with the world around them.

We prioritise the development of self-help skills and resilience, both of which are vital for children's growth and effective learning. By fostering a warm and inviting environment, we ensure that children feel comfortable and happy, enhancing their overall learning experience and making it both enjoyable and meaningful.

## OUR HOLISTIC EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

Our curriculum is designed to be flexible and responsive to the unique strengths, ideas, and interests of each child. We offer a diverse array of engaging learning experiences, both indoors and outdoors. Emphasising "learning through play," we create opportunities for discovery, creativity, imagination, critical thinking, and sensory exploration.

Our educators capitalise on everyday teachable moments to support children's learning. We celebrate and honor each child's cultural traditions and values, fostering a sense of connection to their world and promoting environmental responsibility and sustainability.

Each child is provided with a personalised learning plan that allows for tracking progress and achievements, reflecting on growth, and setting new goals. Our thoughtfully designed and stimulating environments promote problem-solving, exploration, and safe risk-taking.