

FOOSHC PHILOSOPHY

Children have a right to have a voice and be heard, have a say in decisions that affect them, to feel and be safe, to be individuals and to play. Forrest Out Of School Hours Care (FOOSHC) aims to be an advocate for children and to facilitate these rights.

We believe it is our role to help children build their own ethical frameworks. We hope to instil respect for the social environment through role modelling and encouraging children to consider the outcomes of their actions. We hope to foster an appreciation for and a relationship with the natural environment.

We believe that children are capable, resilient, competent, creative and resourceful learners. We provide a program that includes opportunities for exploration, experimentation and risk taking in both indoor and outdoor environments.

We believe it is our role to facilitate such experiences and support the children's engagement in these experiences. In our program we provide an environment which is inviting, play focused and stimulates their imagination. This program also has time for rest and relaxation, reflects the children's interests, needs and development and respects them as a member of our community.

The Educators at FOOSHC are committed to ongoing learning to ensure the program is of continuing high quality and is as valuable and relevant as it can be. This requires a process of critical reflection as well as professional development - ensuring up to date knowledge of relevant research, theories and practice - to provide the highest professional standard of care.

At FOOSHC we believe that relationships and trust are pivotal to a successful program. We work to ensure that relationships are responsive, reciprocal and respectful and involve all the stakeholders that make up the Forrest community.

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