

# Woodlands

LONG DAYCARE AND KINDERGARTEN

# WOODLANDS PHILOSOPHY

At Woodlands, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, live and learn together on each day. We acknowledge the Ancestors, Elders and families of the First People, for they hold the memories, the traditions, and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

At Woodlands we understand that our people are our greatest asset. By fostering a culture of Being, Belonging, and Becoming, we aim to create a dynamic and inclusive environment where both educators and children can flourish. Our mission is to recruit, support, and nurture individuals who are not just employees but true Woodlanders, dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of the children and families we serve. Our philosophy extends beyond the classroom, embracing each educator's unique journey and fostering a strong sense of community, purpose, and growth within our team. Our commitment includes fostering inclusivity, equality, and a secure environment for all, alongside nurturing a deep understanding of cultural knowledge to empower and broaden perspectives within the Woodlands community.

Our mission at Woodlands is to support all children by empowering them to express themselves through intentional, play-based learning strategies. These strategies not only enhance their knowledge but also foster positive attitudes towards learning and strengthening their identity. We provide children with opportunities to grow and expand their learning in thriving environments, ensuring they receive the best educational experiences. At Woodlands we promote sustainability through daily practices of recycling and upcycling, as well as encouraging environmental responsibility throughout our community.

As Educators at Woodlands, we embrace agility and reflection, truth telling and a treaty for a collaborative future of reconciliation, as well as us adapting to an evolving world. Guided by our core values, we are committed to delivering the highest quality education and outcomes for children, families, and our local community. Our community thrives on diverse experiences, languages, and perspectives, including our own culturally diverse educators, fostering a collaborative learning environment where every voice is valued and supported. Our partnerships with the Woodlands community and with the external local communities are built on mutual respect, shared values, and leveraging each other's strengths in knowledge and skills.

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