

## **Inclusion Policy.**

**Aim:** To provide a high quality inclusive early childhood education environment.

Kangaroo Valley Preschool provides education and care to children aged from two to five in the local community.

Kangaroo Valley Preschool aims to allow each child to participate in the preschool program in ways that are engaging, interesting and constructive. Inclusion involves always thinking about each child and their unique abilities and interests, then designing learning experiences that support and extend them.

The preschool is committed to working towards the implementation of support initiatives to enable the inclusion of children with additional needs.

The preschool encourages the promotion of belonging, participation and acceptance, encouraging children to form friendships, build social skills, develop positive attitudes and share experiences with people of varied abilities and backgrounds.

### **Implementation:**

- A safe and supportive environment is provided where all children, their families and the staff are genuinely valued and respected.
- A welcoming and engaging environment is developed that is responsive to the children and their families with respect for cultural values, needs and circumstances.
- A flexible programming approach is used that is responsive to individual needs.
- Staff will work in partnership with families and other professionals where appropriate, to provide support for the children including those with additional needs.
- Families are encouraged to support their children's inclusion by following up any recommendations for additional assessments.
- Additional funding for children with additional needs will be sought by Kangaroo Valley Pre School so that the child can be appropriately assisted in their inclusion. Parents are encouraged to facilitate this process by providing information, medical reports, assessments and assisting in the processing of any paperwork.



- Children with additional needs will be supported as per the “Medical Conditions” policy when appropriate.

**References:**

Wollongong UniCentre Children’s Services Inclusion Policy.

Littlehampton Child Care Centre Inclusion Policy.