

Mission

The mission of Kangaroo Valley Preschool Inc is to provide quality preschool education for children up to five years of age within a caring, stimulating and safe environment. The principles, practices and outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework, “Belonging, Being, Becoming.” are used as a basis for curriculum decisions.

Kangaroo Valley Preschool operates using the Early Childhood Australia Code of Ethics as a benchmark. In this code, the protection and wellbeing of children is paramount.

The preschool follows a play based learning philosophy where play is recognised as the natural medium for developing children’s learning. The development of the whole child is emphasised in the educational programme, with focus placed on each area of human development - language, social, emotional, cognitive, & physical.

The programme is designed to cater to the individual learning needs and developmental levels of each child.

The staff build trusting relationships with the children, helping them to feel welcome and secure in their surroundings which creates an environment conducive to learning. The children acquire knowledge and skills as they are encouraged to discover, explore, show curiosity, be creative, develop independence and self-confidence. They are encouraged to make friends, learn to care for each other, feel important, ask questions, solve problems, learn self-help skills, and develop an increasing awareness of healthy lifestyles, good nutrition and sustainable practices.

The educational program at Kangaroo Valley Preschool will contribute to children have a strong sense of identity. It will encourage children to be connected with, and contribute to their world. Children will have a strong sense of wellbeing and will be confident and involved learners. The education program will also help children to become effective communicators.

The preschool promotes the inclusion and participation of all children and strives to find equitable and effective ways to ensure that all children have opportunities to achieve learning outcomes.

The Preschool encourages parental involvement. It gives families the opportunity to participate and learn about their children’s education and care. An environment is created where parents feel welcome and comfortable to discuss matters concerning their children.

The Preschool employs well-qualified and motivated staff and provides a safe and satisfying environment for them to work in. The preschool is committed to continuing education for staff.

Kangaroo Valley Preschool was established in the 1970’s by the community to cater for the needs of their young children. Involvement in the community and community involvement in the preschool is of great importance. Kangaroo Valley Preschool has provided early childhood education to this geographically isolated area for more than 30 years and it is considered an integral part of the wider Kangaroo Valley community.