

# Our Philosophy

Firstly, we are proud to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, learn and play on, we recognise the continuing connection to lands, water and communities and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

At Meeniyan Preschool we understand the importance of nurturing a foundation for lifelong learning. We believe children should feel safe, secure, respected, cared for, valued, encouraged and reassured.

We strive to provide a happy, welcoming atmosphere, where each individual child can develop to their fullest potential.

#### Children- We believe:

All children are successful, capable, and resourceful learners who are active contributors to their own learning.

All children need to be valued as individuals, who bring with them their own heritage, interests, and early life experiences.

All children can develop risk taking skills and positive self-esteem through a supportive, safe, and inclusive environment.

#### Families- We believe:

Trust, respect, and collaboration form the basis of strong partnerships between families and staff.

In working closely with parents in a reciprocal relationship.

### Learning Programmes- We believe:

Children learn through collaboration and communication with other children and adults and through interacting with the environment.

Children need opportunities to practice and consolidate their skills in key learning areas whilst being creative and expressing their ideas.

A programme will be rich in language and allow students to discuss, enquire, collaborate, investigate and reflect.

## Employees- We believe:

In employing members of staff, who are committed to working for the best interests of children and families.

Each staff member brings fundamental, personal qualities to the preschool environment such as empathy, respect, warmth and a passion for learning.

In the importance of creating an environment of collegiality where personal and professional contributions are valued, communication is open and confidentiality is maintained.