

Our Educational Philosophy

Welcome to BHCK, a Preschool community where every child and family is valued. Our philosophy is guided by four core principles that shape our educational environment: Respect, Community, Nurturing, and Joyful Learning. Above all other considerations, paramountcy will be given to children's welfare, safety and wellbeing.

Respect

Respect is the cornerstone of our educational environment. Fostering a positive and inclusive atmosphere where every child and family feels understood is central to our approach. Recognising that families are children's primary educators, we value the partnership and knowledge you contribute to your child's learning journey.

A strong commitment to environmental stewardship is also cultivated within our preschool. Instilling a sense of responsibility for the natural world is an integral part of our curriculum, inspiring awe and wonder for the environment, and empowering children to become responsible citizens who care for our planet.

Community

BHCK is an inclusive and welcoming learning community. Building enduring relationships with families that begin at enrolment and continue long after the preschool years is a commitment we uphold. These connections with current families, past families, and the wider community form the foundation of our preschool's identity.

The well-being of each child is paramount. Through a collaborative partnership between families and teachers, a secure and supportive environment is ensured, allowing every child to develop a strong sense of belonging.

Acknowledging the rich heritage and culture of the Gayamaygal and Garigal Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn and play, is fundamental to our programme. Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into our curriculum and daily practices fosters a deep connection to and respect for the land, skies, and waterways.

Nurturing

BHCK provides a supportive and caring environment that supports the holistic development of every child. The growth of positive and respectful friendships is facilitated by our teachers, who work in close partnership with families to guide children's social and emotional development.

Building strong, professional relationships with each family, understanding their unique perspectives, and responding with sensitivity and professionalism are key priorities. A safe and protective environment is created to empower children to express their views and develop a sense of agency. Our commitment to Child Safe Practices, equity, and cultural safety is unwavering.

Joyful Learning

Early childhood education should be a joyful and engaging experience. Our curriculum is centred on inquiry-based learning and exploration, encouraging children to investigate their curiosities and questions. Every child should leave preschool each day feeling engaged, creative, and valued, and looking forward to their next day of learning with us.

As a community of learners, we celebrate diverse perspectives and unique ways of understanding the world. Our team of dedicated, highly qualified, and enthusiastic Teachers leads our educational programmes and advocates for the rights and best interests of children within our school and the broader community.

Community is at the core of our identity. Providing a safe, nurturing, and stimulating educational environment where children and families can flourish is a mission we take great pride in.