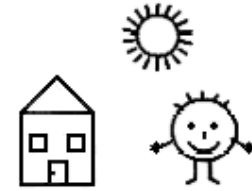


## ESTRELLA PRESCHOOL PHILOSOPHY



We believe that childhood is a unique and valuable stage of life, and one in which experiences have important and lasting effects.

We believe that it is our role to provide a safe, welcoming space where children can learn and grow into confident and caring individuals.

### At Estrella we believe in:

- *Relationships* – Warm, trusting relationships are paramount and built over time with children and families. Children need to feel secure and valued and have a sense of belonging.
- *Safety* – safety for all is a number one priority, with all staff and committee aware of their responsibilities around the child safe standards and committed to upholding them.
- *Respect* – For ourselves, others and our environment.
- *Acceptance* – Everyone is welcome and equal. We have zero tolerance to discrimination in any form
- *Inclusion* – Embracing diversity of background, abilities, thought, gender and experience makes us better
- *Appreciation* – Every child is unique and capable. They are encouraged to be who they are and supported to develop into who they are going to be.
- *Curiosity and Learning* – Children’s learning is developed through play which provides for their needs and interests and extends their knowledge and skills. It is an ongoing process.
- *Exploration* – Connecting with the environment, using all the senses, and being able to go barefoot and take risks.
- *Connection* – Actively involving parents benefits children. Engaging with the community enhances our program
- *Confidence* – trying is more important than succeeding. Learning from mistakes is valued. The process rather than the end product is celebrated
- *Reflection* – Reflection leads to better outcomes for children and continuous improvement in all areas