



## PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

At The Pentagon, we believe in providing a home away from home for our children and families, where relationships are at the heart of our day to day practice. We value parents as central to a child's world and place a high priority on parents and family being part of centre life and their child's learning journey with us. The Pentagon is committed to creating a family-friendly learning culture, where we all have something of value to contribute

We believe in working in partnership together to build a feeling of community, which provides all our children, families and teaching teams with a strong sense of belonging and where they feel they have a place. We see shared experiences and events both in the centre and out in the community as a way to strengthen this.

We believe that our children learn through their play and our curriculum and teaching approaches support a child-guided, and inquiry based learning journey. We believe in capitalising on teachable moments as they emerge and providing provocation within our environments to encourage children to engage in the daily curriculum.

We are committed to providing our children with a connection to nature, where they can explore, discover, and create in our backyard spaces. We believe that the natural landscapes surrounding us provide endless opportunities and enrichment for children to engage in meaningful and purposeful play.

Our team are committed to using a range of teaching approaches which ensure children are supported in becoming self-aware, take risks, and understand their capabilities and strengths. We value the range of opportunities the natural world and skilled teaching practices create for children to grow into responsible adventurers. We value children being able to take ownership of their learning.

We believe our daily interactions should acknowledge children as individuals, and teaching practices will demonstrate a high level of responsiveness, patience, respect and good professional judgement. We feel that children learn best in an environment where they are acknowledged as capable and confident individuals with their own baskets of skills and knowledge to share.

At The Pentagon we believe we have a shared responsibility to ensure our learners are ready for the world beyond our walls, and have the skills, knowledge, attitude and resilience to be successful in wherever life takes them.

### **LINKS TO CRITERIA:**

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