

Service Values

At Trikki Kidz we recognise the importance of holistic approaches and pay attention to children's physical, intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and environmental wellbeing as well as cognitive aspects of learning. We recognise the connections between children, families and communities and the importance of reciprocal relationships and partnerships for learning.

Our Educators are responsive to all children's strengths, abilities and interests. We value and build on children's strengths, skills and knowledge to ensure their motivation and engagement in learning. We respond to children as individuals recognising their expertise, cultural traditions, ideas and play, which form an important basis for curriculum decision-making. We respond to spontaneous 'teachable moments', focusing on children's evolving ideas and interests. We provide open ended questioning, feedback, and further guidance to challenge their thinking. We strive to strengthen relationships between Educators and children through sharing decisions, respect and trust.

At Trikki Kidz we recognise the importance of learning through play, as children discover, create, improvise and imagine. Play can expand children's thinking and enhance their desire to know and to learn. We provide a balance between child led, child initiated and Educator supported learning. We create learning environments that encourage children to explore, solve problems, create and construct. Educators interact with infants and children to build attachment. We support the inclusion of all children in play, help children to recognise when play is unfair and offer constructive ways to build a caring, fair and inclusive learning environment.

At Trikki Kidz we plan opportunities for intentional teaching and knowledge-building. We document and monitor children's learning and use strategies such as modelling and demonstrating, open questioning, speculating, explaining, and engaging in shared thinking and problem solving to extend children's thinking and learning.

Our learning environments are welcoming spaces which reflect and enrich the lives and identities of children and families participating in the setting, responding to their contributions, interests and needs. We foster an appreciation of the natural environment, develop an environmental awareness and provide a platform for ongoing environmental education.

At Trikki Kidz we strive to achieve cultural competence. We celebrate the benefits of diversity and understand and honour differences. We encompass positive attitudes towards cultural differences, acknowledge different cultural practices and views and develop skills for communication and interaction across cultures.

At Trikki Kidz we recognise the importance of continuity of learning and transitions. We strive to achieve successful transitions between homes and Service settings. In partnership with families, we ensure that children have an active role in preparing for transitions. We also work collaboratively with children's future Educators and other professionals to ensure successful transitions to school.

At Trikki Kidz we plan, document and evaluate children’s learning. We focus on the five learning outcomes from the Early Years Learning Framework which are reflected in our Service philosophy. We examine the learning strategies that children use and reflect ways in which learning is co-constructed through interactions between the Educator and each child. All children demonstrate their learning in different ways. We use approaches that are responsive to physical, intellectual, cultural and linguistic requirements and acknowledge each child’s ability and strength allowing them to demonstrate competence. We strive to assist families to support children’s learning and empower them to act on behalf of their children beyond the early childhood setting.

Sources

- Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority (2013). Guide to the National Quality Standard.
- Commonwealth of Australia (2009). The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia: Belonging, Being and Becoming.
- Early Childhood Australia (2016). Code of Ethics.
- Revised National Quality Standard.

Review

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