



# Early Learning Centre Philosophy Statement

A place where learning is an adventure and curiosity comes to life

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St Peter's Woodlands Early Learning Centre aims to provide an extraordinary education through a welcoming, nurturing environment full of discovery and joy for all. Engaging in play is integral, underpinning all learning experiences.

## We recognise that every child is unique and capable

- Children have a supportive network including consistent educators, allied health support, access to school support staff and school buddies.
- The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) ensures student-centered, inquiry based learning.
- The Move to Learn Program is embedded in our ELC ensuring children grasp fundamental movements to maximise their development.
- We explicitly teach key Literacy and Numeracy concepts in our Preschool program.
- Helping our youngest students develop positive attitudes toward their education and to grasp foundational skills before they start school is a top priority.
- We embrace the principles of Reggio Emilia.
- Children are given the gift of time to extend their learning through flexible routines.
- A fun and relaxed opt in holiday program is available for children during school holidays if families wish.
- Embracing all cultures in authentic experiences is an ongoing priority

## We support children to understand and develop the school values

- Within the ELC we embed the school values of Wonder, Courage and Respect.



## We seek and treasure connections with our extended school and local community

- A wide variety of facilities are available for all ELC children to use including the exquisite SPW grounds, Library, Music Studios, Gym and Media Room.
- Our Anglican connection is celebrated through attending ELC and school Chapel services and visiting St Peter's Church.
- Our learning is inspired by the beauty of nature and supports ongoing connections with nature.
- Our unique and bright uniform reflects the need for children to be safe, comfortable and playful as they explore our world.
- We value our partnership with each family, fostering open, supportive relationships
- We are committed to looking for opportunities to extend children's learning to the North, South, East and West of our facility.

## We guide children with gratitude and kindness at the heart of all we do

- The Kimochi Wellbeing Program is an integral part of children's learning, teaching children to recognise and manage emotions.
- We value laughter as way to regulate emotions.
- We take pride in providing aesthetically pleasing and purposeful learning environments for children to be thankful and care for.

