



Little FRIENDS EARLY LEARNING

CAPABILITY STATEMENT





About Us

Little Friends Early Learning South Wentworthville caters for children from 6 weeks to 6 years of age to provide them with the best quality education and care they deserve. Little Friends Early Learning was established in 2021, where it set the goal high to ensure that children within its care were provided with the opportunities to explore the world around them by providing them with environments that foster their natural creativity, willingness to explore and their ability to build strong social and emotional connections not only within the service but the local and surrounding community.

Little Friends Early Learning tailors their education and care program to suit the needs and developmental stage of each individual child within their care. We believe at Little Friends Early Learning that learning and development comes in three stages which is reflected in the names of our rooms within the service. We believe that children begin to discover the world around them and their capabilities before they then continue to explore the world around them through their own ideas and interests. We believe that once they have gone through these developmental stages, they put this into play by becoming the inventors of their own ideas and begin to build upon this knowledge.

Our Curriculum

At Little Friends Early Learning we form the basis of our curriculum around the practices and principles of the Early Years Learning Framework. We believe that providing children with a home based learning environment that they will begin to discover, explore and invent from materials in the world around them. As we begin to explore the following nine key elements, our Little Friends get the opportunity to connect to the world in many unique ways.



Language & Communication

We believe in encouraging the children to explore languages from around the world and communicate freely to share their ideas, thoughts and expressions. Through providing the children with culturally diverse learning environments and opportunities to engage in programs such as the ELLA Language Program as well as encouraging our educators, families and children to communicate and share in their home languages. We also believe in exploring story time where we can use dramatic language to share and communicate with children.



Music & Movement

Music and movement is a great expression tool for within the early years. It provides opportunities for children to express and build connections to cultures from around the world. We encourage children to explore rhythm, sound and language. We use music and movement as a tool to express, connect and build a sense of belonging to the world around them.

Safe & Secure Environments

Providing safe and secure environments for the children in our care at Little Friends Early Learning is one of our highest priorities. It allows the children to build that sense of belonging and comfort. We also find it to be an extremely important for children to understand what safe and secure environments look like and what they can do to ensure that they are feeling safe at all times.

Health & Wellness

We provide children with the essential knowledge of their general and holistic health. Children are taught how to care for their body, mind and spirit as a tool for looking after their bodies. We use experiences such as yoga, candle time and mindfulness as everyday practices to assist children in regulating their emotional wellbeing.

Sustainable Environments

Encouraging the children to engage in sustainable practices ensures that children are aware of how they are able to care for our natural environments. We encourage the children to be active members of our sustainability programs such as our worm farm and growing our own herbs, fruits and vegetables.

School Readiness

School Readiness is not just about writing, we believe it is important for children to be able to understand how to share how they are feeling, complete tasks independently, communicate their wants, needs and ideas as well as being able to self-regulate their behaviour.

Fitness & Fundamental Movement Skills

Fitness and building fundamental skills are part of our everyday curriculum. Children are provided with materials and the skills needed to build upon their fundamental movement skills as well as being given the opportunity to learn something new and exciting. We provide children with beautiful outdoor learning environments and having members of the community come in and join us to teach us new and exciting skills based around our favourite sports.

Creativity

Creativity is an important part of development within the early years as it provides children an outlet to express their emotions. It provides children with an outlet to express and create problem solving abilities.

Community Engagement

Community engagement is a big part of who we are at Little Friends Early Learning. We stand by our open door policy where we welcome the community to join us as one. We encourage families to come and spend time with their children and engage in our programs such as storytime, grandparents day and all community events.



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