



# Statement of Philosophy



## Koluka Preschool Moama

We promote each child's individual development, self-esteem, teach social and communication skills in a supportive and secure environment that facilitate the children's natural curiosity and their desire to learn. We aspire to build positive respectful relationships with both the children and families and believe that children are unique individuals that have a voice, are capable, resourceful and can contribute to their own learning.

We are committed to ensuring that children have access to wonderful, dedicated professionals with extensive knowledge, experience and unique skills in early childhood development which enriches each child's preschool experience. As early childhood educators, we are committed to and guided by the principals, practices, and outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). The framework assists us in how we deliver and support our children's play-based learning.

We value parents as partners in the education of their children and respect the diverse range of cultures families bring to the preschool. We believe that family involvement in the program is essential and that building strong partnerships between families, educators and the school community can directly impact and improve learning outcomes for children.

We believe and value the importance of sustaining and embedding Aboriginal culture in our program and integrate the 8 Aboriginal Ways of Learning Framework. We believe it is important to have connections with Aboriginal elders, families, and the wider community of which we are apart.

Koluka Preschool offers an open ended, innovative play based educational program that encourages children to be active lifelong learners. We understand the importance of allowing the children the time, the age-appropriate materials, and resources to extend on their previous knowledge to develop new more complex thinking.

We give the children the space to focus on their play, role model behaviours to engage, encourage and to extend their ideas and challenge their learning.

*"Koluka" A Yorta Yorta Aboriginal language word meaning "child."*