

# Rainforest's Program

**Rainforest Early Learning Centre's Program** is guided and inspired by the Belonging Being and Becoming of the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia (EYLF).

Our program will reflect the Rainforest Community philosophy and the educational program will contribute to the following outcomes for each child:

1. the child will have a strong sense of identity;
2. the child will be connected with and contribute to his or her world;
3. the child will have a strong sense of wellbeing;
4. the child will be a confident and involved learner;
5. the child will be an effective communicator.

A balanced programme ensures that children are cared for in a supportive environment, rich with opportunities for imaginative play, self-expression and creative thought which are fundamental to the development of young children.

The provision of sufficient and varied opportunities for play, enhance each child's growth and individuality. Such opportunities should be culturally appropriate and culturally diverse; it should offer experiences that facilitate each child's individual development.

Children, educators, parents and the Community have a vital role in providing a high quality programme for the children in our service.

The *Convention* states that all children have the right to an education that lays a foundation for the rest of their lives, maximises their ability and respects their family, cultural and other identities and language (Framework, p.5).

There are many different aspects, which contribute to the general and more specific programming of our service:

- 1 Developmental areas
- 2 Group sizes
- 3 Planning
- 4 Focus system/observations
- 5 Special additional needs
- 6 Routines
- 7 Flexibility
- 8 Family involvement
- 9 Programming for diversity
- 10 Communication
- 11 Documentation of programmes
- 12 Evaluation and Critical Reflections

The School Readiness Program begins during the month of March once all the children have had the opportunity to develop a sense of belonging to the Rainforest community and are ready to interact, communicate and participate as part of a group.