

OUR PHILOSOPHY



Our philosophy is our commitment to providing high quality care and education for children, inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach and a range of Early Years theorists. Our family-owned services share three core values: Our Community (children, families, staff and the broader community), The Whole Child (meeting the holistic needs and nurturing the potential of every child) and Earth to Sky (embracing responsibility for and curiosity about the world around them).

OUR COMMUNITY

Our community includes children, families, educators, and the broader community, all working together to create a nurturing environment. We involve families in decision-making and curriculum enrichment, valuing their input as the children's first educators. By partnering with families, we gain a deeper understanding of each child's unique needs, allowing us to celebrate and incorporate the diverse cultures of children and their families into our service. The well-being of our educators is crucial for fostering children's emotional development and resilience.

Keiki provides wellness support and ongoing professional development opportunities to help our educators build their skills and improve outcomes for the children. We believe in the importance of connections and collaborations with schools, community groups and health services in supporting children's growth and development. By strengthening the network of support around them, we create a more enriching environment.

THE WHOLE CHILD

At Keiki, we believe that every child is born with immense potential and a natural curiosity to explore their world. Our dedicated and experienced teams create beautiful, thoughtfully designed environments where children are encouraged to make their own choices, delve into the arts, enjoy physical play, practice mindfulness, and build meaningful, positive relationships. We recognise that each child learns at their own pace, so we support children in directing their own learning experiences, focusing on their unique interests and needs. We embrace the individual journey of each child, celebrating their moments of wonder and discovery along the way.

Meeting the emotional needs of every child is our priority, as we understand that this foundation enables them to fully participate, play, and learn. We support each child's growing competence and confidence through various means, including inclusive and positive guidance strategies, providing healthy meals and creating flexible play spaces that promote physical activity.

EARTH TO SKY

We embrace the wisdom of the Noongar Whadjuk people to inspire children to respect and appreciate their natural environment and their world. We nurture children's curiosity by demonstrating environmental responsibility. Through engaging conversations, collaborative projects, and practical actions, we involve children, families, and the broader community in Keiki's strategies towards the Sustainable Development Goals, striving for a sustainable and equitable future.

Our learning spaces, designed with an understanding that the environment is a child's third teacher, encourage active engagement and collaborative learning. These spaces enhance children's understanding, problem-solving abilities, and creative thinking, while prioritising their safety and well-being.