



Waratah Cottage

OUR PHILOSOPHY



NURTURING SECURE, RESPECTFUL AND RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIPS

A child's rights and dignity are consistently honoured. Freedom of expression, individuality, endeavour, strong wellbeing and resilience skills form the foundations of a pro-active and inclusive learning culture.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Sharing and celebrating diverse identities, knowledge, culture, skills and interests strengthen our community and relationships. We develop self-awareness, empathy and respect for others within a feeling of home – filled with laughter, acceptance and belonging.



CELEBRATING POSITIVE IMAGES OF CHILDHOOD

Moments of importance are recognised and supported to foster curiosity, enthusiasm, wonder and persistence. Self-esteem and confidence are facilitated through opportunities for independence and building positive interrelationships.



RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Sustained learning about ways of knowing and doing filters through the Waratah community. Authentic connections and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are key to forming a welcoming environment for all.



AN ONGOING COMMITMENT TO REFLECTIVE PRACTICE

As a professional learning community, we collectively embrace challenges and use reflective practices to guide us in making informed decisions.



SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Children become global citizens of the future, living in harmony with the natural world through engaging play-based learning and informative ways of teaching.

