Rose Park Pre-School Inclusion Policy

Rose Park Pre-School supports the inclusion of all children eligible to attend kindergarten to access, fully participate and learn in our kindergarten program. We believe that, where possible, children should attend their local kindergarten.

Diversity is valued at Rose Park Pre-School and strengthens our kindergarten community. Children learn to accept, include and appreciate differences where access and participation are the norm.

Inclusive environments foster natural support networks. There is an emphasis on collaborative and cooperative learning and ways of connecting children in natural ongoing and supportive relationships.

Our inclusive program:

- Provides a supportive and positive environment in which staff work with families and other professionals to meet the needs of all children
- Ensures all children have equal access to educational goals and learning.
- Assesses and documents children’s learning and development using observations, photographs, individual learning plans and learning folders.
- Recognises and celebrates achievements.
- Focuses on strengths and interests.
- Provides all children with the opportunity to develop greater independence.
- Encourages the development of positive social interactions.
- Supports life skills as children learn to get along with others, show respect and caring for others and be comfortable with differences between people and see beyond differences to similarities.
- Fosters the development of resilience where children are encouraged to proactively respond to set-backs.

Children with additional needs are also supported by:

- Assessment and intervention by DECS Speech Pathology and/or Psychology services.
- The Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) Preschool Support Program - a Preschool Support Worker works collaboratively with the staff and family to support the child's teaching, learning and participation in the kindergarten program.
- Bilingual support for children with English as a second language who require support to fully access our kindergarten program.

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