



Port Augusta West Childhood Services Centre



Our Philosophy



At Port Augusta West Childhood Services Centre, we strive to provide a quality preschool program with a variety of learning opportunities and experiences, where children choose and engage in uninterrupted play. We believe our outdoor space actively engages and supports children's creativity, imagination, language and social skills. It also provides vast teaching, relationship building and learning opportunities, where children are encouraged to further explore with their imagination

and create within the indoor and outdoor spaces. We believe our preschool is supportive of all children to access and take risks which allows them to build resilience as they explore the environments.

An engaging environment



sustainability

We believe our children need and benefit from having time to explore in nature. This supports the children's learning by engaging in spontaneous play which then develops the child as a 'whole'. Learning then becomes more meaningful and effective when children are given opportunities to explore their world in their own time.

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experiences

We believe children learn about their world by touching, smelling, seeing, hearing and experiencing. Sensory play contributes to a child's development in so many ways. Enabling children to engage with their senses both indoor and outdoor with natural and processed resources allows the children to understand the world in which they live to become lifelong learners.

Families & Community



We believe children flourish when working in partnership with families and the community. We welcome families from diverse backgrounds valuing their beliefs and cultures. We are culturally responsive, respect multiple cultural ways of knowing, doing and being and celebrate the benefits of diversity.

We believe that Early Childhood is a celebration of learning. Our learning environment supports the development of children who can make choices, think independently, take challenges, explore ideas, ask questions, feel nurtured, safe and well cared for within a social play-based context.

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