

# Oakbank Kindergarten Philosophy

“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”

through

**CONNECTION to CONFIDENCE and COURAGE in COMMUNITY**

## Statement of Philosophy

At Oakbank Kindergarten our Philosophy is based on four key elements which are foundational to quality education, encouraging powerful learning

### CONNECTIONS

- Developing strong relationships (child-family-educators) builds a sense of connectedness, trust, security and identity.
- Our Values: Kindness, Friendship, Caring, Being Safe, Fun, positive self-esteem

### CONFIDENCE

- Valuing individuals and their strengths
- Our Values: Bravery, Play, Problem solving

### COURAGE

- Embedding a growth mindset enables risk taking and challenging learning
- Our Values: Independence, Creativity, Growth, Resilience, Curiosity, Imagination

### COMMUNITY

- Embracing our social and environmental responsibilities
- Our Values: Acceptance, Gratitude, Respect



- 🌳 We believe that the foundation and development of all learning is in the power of **CONNECTION**.  
Connection to **People**: family, peers, educators, community  
**Place**: home, kindergarten, culture, country  
**Purpose**: building identity, sense of self in Being.
- 🌳 Powerful connections of trust builds **CONFIDENCE** in a sense of Becoming. A strengths based model of Educator practise empowers this process in releasing and realising each individual child's potential.
- 🌳 With Confidence comes **COURAGE**.  
Courage to grow, stretch and become their potential self through taking risk in learning.
- 🌳 The Courage and Confidence developed through Connection is always from a **COMMUNITY** mindset of Belonging.

*Oakbank Kindergarten is a place of Joy and Wonder!*