



Oakbank Kindergarten Philosophy

Parents and children used an oak leaf to provide one word that described an important value for supporting their child at Kindergarten. The oak leaf is based upon Oakbank Kindergarten's logo from a founding parent in 1975 "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow". Each family's oak leaf has been attached to our Family Tree and together, with educator principles, underpins our relationships and program.

"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow"

through

CONNECTIONS within COMMUNITY leading to CONFIDENCE and COURAGE

Statement of Philosophy

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

CONNECTIONS

- Developing strong relationships builds a sense of connectedness, trust, security and identity.

Our Values: kindness, friendship, confidence, being safe, fun, positive self-esteem, love

COMMUNITY

- Embracing our social and environmental responsibilities

Our Values: respect, gratitude, belonging, honesty, sharing, empathy

CONFIDENCE

- Valuing individuals and their strengths

Our Values: play, problem solving, adventurous

COURAGE

- Embedding a growth mindset enables risk taking and challenging learning

Our Values: independence, creativity, resilience, curiosity, imagination



- We believe that the foundation and development of all learning is in the power of **CONNECTIONS**.
Connection to **People**: family, peers, educators, community
Place: home, kindergarten, culture, country
Purpose: building identity through **Belonging**.
- Connections are always built within a **COMMUNITY** developing a sense of self in **Being**.
- Powerful connections of trust within Community 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 risks in learning through their play.

Oakbank Kindergarten is a place of Joy and Wonder!

