



(Licensed and Chartered)

General Philosophy of Riverside Educare

Mission Statement:

- To promote a quality learning environment with meaningful relationships at the heart of what we do

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Riverside Educare aims to provide a friendly, welcoming environment where children feel safe and where their natural love of learning is enhanced and encouraged. We believe in providing a caring, culturally sensitive environment that will support your child in reaching his / her potential.

Our commitment to the Ministry of Education's Early Childhood Curriculum, Te Whāriki, provides the basis for our curriculum.

We believe each child is unique and learns through respectful, responsive relationships with people, places and things, as well as through active exploration of the environment which is co-constructed to scaffold children's learning while supporting and encouraging their interests.

Through noticing, recognising and responding to children's learning dispositions and interests, teachers will extend and enhance the children's learning and development.

Children benefit from learning to respect the environment. Teachers encourage the children to participate in caretaking of our centre.

Free choice within clear guidelines, encourages exploration and independence. We encourage children to take risks in a safe environment.

We value structured and unstructured learning opportunities including music and mat times, lunch and shared morning and afternoon teas.

We believe partnership with parents enhances the quality of education and care. We will promote a genuine partnership with parents built on mutual trust and respect.

We respect the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua in Aotearoa/New Zealand. We encourage an awareness and appreciation of the bi-cultural heritage of our country. We support the Treaty of Waitangi and the use of Te Reo Māori as a living language.

As part of our commitment to quality we believe in reflective teaching practices and ongoing professional development for all our teachers.

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