Country Bumpkins Early Learning Centre Philosophy

Country Bumpkins Early Learning is community orientated preschool with a philosophy encompassing community. Country Bumpkins recognises that it takes a village to raise a child and believes the ideology of community comes under three outcomes, relationships with children, relationships with families and partnerships with our local communities. Country Bumpkins Early Learning Centre aims to ensure the philosophy of community is underpinned in the day to day running of the centre, curriculums and educational practices.

**Community**

We believe that community engagement is fundamental as it supports children to understand and make sense of their world while also supporting them to develop lifelong skills that will enable them to become active participants within their communities. Country Bumpkins Early Learning Centre will incorporate community based pedagogical practices through planned learning experiences, intentional teaching, incursions, and excursions that reflects Sutton and Gundaroo community’s cultures, values and perspectives. In addition to this, Country Bumpkins Early Learning Centre aims to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community learning is integrated with connections to the local Ngunnawal and Ngambri communities’ history, culture, values and traditions.

**Relationships with Children**

We believe that secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships is the key to success for children’s learning and development. Providing opportunities throughout the day to support children to develop relationships with each other, educators and community. Collaboration practices are integrated through the philosophy of community which can be highlight through daily routines, planned learning experiences, intentional teaching, practices and procedures. Collaboration enables preschoolers to develop their own identity while also learning how to understand, value and respect each other’s ideas, thereby developing a sense of belonging and community culture.

**Partnerships with Families**

We believe that families help create a community culture for learning. Partnerships with families enables children home life and culture to feel, valued, respected and represented within their learning environments and the curriculums. Country Bumpkins acknowledges the importance that all families play, and the significance they have in supporting their child’s learning and development. We will ensure that families perspectives, identities and values will be incorporated through all our practices to enable they best possible outcome for each child, while also fostering the spirit of community learning and practices.