

# **Cultural Diversity**



## **Policy**

Children at this Centre are taught to behave in a culturally appropriate manner and to play and work with children of diverse cultural backgrounds.

## **Background**

All children are equal in the sight of God and have individual rights which must be respected. Children's services provided at this centre are administered with these principles in mind.

## **Practices**

We provide a program which promotes cultural relevance and our centre is also appropriate for children of non-English speaking backgrounds. We can access a variety of multi-cultural resources when the need for these arises.

Our environment includes a variety of books, music, clothing, craft, posters, games, displays and songs that reflect diversity in culture.

The dignity and rights of each child at the centre are maintained at all times.

We provide respect and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in accord with the "Bridging the Gap" statement.

The values of the child's family/caregivers are respected, and the child is given emotional support in all the child's learning experiences.

Children at our Centre are encouraged to express themselves and their opinions appropriately and are given the opportunity to become self-reliant and to develop self-esteem.

Children are given guidance as to positive and responsible behaviour, with encouragement freely given and are not required to perform duties that are inappropriate, having regard to each child's family and cultural values, age and physical and intellectual development.

We encourage the eating of a variety of food which is available both through the cultural diversity of the children attending our centre and from the large range of products that Australia has to offer.

Children are not isolated for any reason other than illness, accident or a pre-arranged appointment with parental/caregiver consent.

## **Sources**

- <https://beyou.edu.au> (accessed July 9, 2024)

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