



# Lismore South Public School Preschool – Ngulliboo Jarjums Philosophy



## Acknowledgment of Country

Here is the land,  
Here is the sky,  
Here are my friends and  
Here am I.  
We acknowledge the Bundjalung Nation,  
Our past and present elders who are our leaders and  
Our children, who are our future leaders,  
On whose land we play and learn.

## Our Children's Voices

*I like preschool because my friends are here. Cody*  
*I love playing outside with the trains and my friends. Jarrah*  
*I love spotting animals at preschool. Neela*  
*I love playing in the mud with my friends. Zahra*

## Our Children

At Ngulliboo Jarjums we believe each child deserves a happy, respectful, safe and caring environment where they can be themselves, feel connected to our preschool as one and where they can grow to become themselves, our future leaders.

Ngulliboo Jarjums is an inclusive environment, where every child has a voice and the right to reach their full potential. Each child is valued and respected as a unique, capable and competent learner and encouraged to participate in play through all aspects of our preschool program. We support children to have the confidence in themselves to take safe risks when playing and learning.

## Our Families

We value families as the primary influence in a child's life. We believe effective relationships between our preschool and our families, is vital in providing a quality Preschool experience for each child. We respect and celebrate diversity through recognising all families' cultures, values and beliefs. We encourage and welcome parents, families and the wider community to be involved in preschool experiences and to contribute to preschool practices.

We strive to support families in all aspects of their preschool experience through building strong relationships and supporting each child through their development and transitions to Kindergarten.

## Our Parent Voices

*Friendly environment, great with the kids and great activities. KP*  
*Such a great positive and supportive environment. AH*  
*I love the sustainable themes, like recycling and upcycling. And the place is overall awesome. VB*  
*I love that the teachers are so loving and nurturing. I love the play-based learning and that children's interests are followed and the children spend a lot of time in nature. CT*

## Our Team

Our professional preschool educators are friendly, approachable and dedicated to ensuring the very best preschool experience for all children and their families.

Educators develop respectful and positive relationships with colleagues, children and families, through continually reflecting and being open to feedback and suggestions from all parties. Open communication with families is valued and educators utilise support agencies within the community to ensure individual children's needs are catered for.

## Our Program

The focus of our preschool program is to tailor our program to meet individual children's needs and interests. We provide children with opportunities to engage in high quality learning experiences, in accordance with the Early Years Learning Framework. The program enables educators to engage children in learning through play, by promoting children's abilities and using a project-based approach which reflects children's interests. We analyse children's learning and development and support each child to reach their developmental goals.

At Ngulliboo Jarjums we encourage children to develop their listening and speaking skills to become effective communicators with their peers and Preschool educator's. Literacy and Numeracy development is valued and is embedded in our play-based activities through play and intentional teaching. Educators support children's independence by using open ended questioning and sustained shared thinking strategies. This approach encourages each child to use their problem-solving skills to challenge themselves in a supportive, safe environment.

We believe our children are the future caretakers of the land therefore it is essential for them to learn to respect and care for the environment. This empowers them to be leaders of sustainable practices and invest in their future. A connection with nature is essential for holistic development, mindful living and wellbeing.

We provide our children with continuity of rich transition opportunities over the duration of the year. The whole school connection enables children ample opportunities to build confidence and set children up for success to belong in our primary school environment.

## Our Preschool

Our preschool was built by the Department of Education (DoE) to provide accessible early learning opportunities for all preschool aged children to attend the year before formal schooling.

We implement all lawful policies, regulations and procedures of the DoE and Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). We are committed to best practice in early childhood education and the continual improvement program instituted by ACECQA under the National Quality Framework, by continually critically reflecting on our practice and developing goals to continually improve our practice and our preschool.

