

Yarm Gwanga Vacation Care

Vision

Our goal is to support children in captivating their natural curiosity and helping it to flourish into a love of learning. Through quality programs, and intentional and spontaneous teaching, we strive to empower children to become confident, happy and independent learners.

We strive to build strong relationships with children, families and community. We aim to create a home like environment that encompasses warm, supportive and inclusive relationships with children and families and between educators.

Philosophy

- We believe in providing children with the highest quality of education and care allowing each child to reach their full potential, enhancing all areas of their growth and development.

Quality Area One – Program and Practice

- We offer a program that considers children's interests and provides choice to ensure that areas of development and leisure are catered for.
- We provide a play-based approach and support children to develop new friendships.

Quality Area Two – Health and Safety

- We provide a program that promotes physical health and activity in a social environment.
- We provide a balance of active and quiet spaces, acknowledging that children have a need for down time.

Quality Area Three – Physical Environment

- We provide a combination of resources and experiences that enable children to both be an advocate of their own learning as well as being guided by educators.
- We actively seek children's feedback on the physical environment and ways that it may be improved or modified.

Quality Area Four – Staffing

- Staff are consistent, friendly, respectful and trustworthy.
- Staff are always learning and taking on professional development to provide the latest and most relevant care and apply to children's learning, development and self-regulation.

Quality Area Five – Relationships with children

- We listen to all children and acknowledge children's feelings and ideas as active participants in the program.
- We provide a safe and supportive environment that encourages new friendships and the development of positive self-concept.

Quality Area Six – Collaboration partnerships with families and communities

- We invite and encourage family and community to be actively involved in Vacation Care.
- We encourage children to connect with community through excursions around the university and into the wider community.

Quality Area Seven – Governance and Leadership

- The Educational Leader supports and provides guidance, feedback and suggestions as needed.
- There is regular and effective communication between management, staff and families.