



Vision Statement

*To provide an **inspiring and engaging** early childhood education that is **accessible and inclusive** of all children and their families.*

Philosophy

Waterfall Gully Pre School takes a **holistic** approach to education that includes knowing and understanding the whole child, being **responsive** to the families and an understanding that we all **belong** within our kindergarten community. We acknowledge the importance of **nature based learning** and its contribution to creating a new generation of responsible citizens. We are a community of staff and families learning together on Country.

Waterfall Gully Pre School offers **inclusive** and **engaging** environments that allow children to explore, learn and play. We are guided by the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework, which recognises the importance of play based learning in early childhood. Building strong and **caring relationships** with families helps to ensure each child feels safe, secure and supported whilst at kinder. Waterfall Gully Pre School staff are dedicated to extending their knowledge on a regular basis to continue to **support children** and families.

Waterfall Gully Pre School recognises that families come in different forms. We are **welcoming, inclusive and responsive** to the generations of families who have attended our kinder and those yet to come. Waterfall Gully Pre School believes that **children's voices matter** and the children who attend our kinder will always have a say in decisions that affect them. Waterfall Gully Pre School supports and **respects all children**, as well as our staff and volunteers, and respect is embedded and taught throughout our program and practices. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

Our focus on **sustainability is embedded** throughout our program, practices and environment. The children who attend Waterfall Gully Pre School will be provided with opportunities for learning about our local environment, including visits to the local beach and national parks. Learning how to **care for the Country** we learn and play on is a central part of our curriculum.

Waterfall Gully Pre School recognises and **respects the traditional owners** of the land we gather on, the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge that learning on Country is a privilege and we promise to look after our environment. We believe teaching and learning about the **rich history** of Aboriginal people, culture and ways of being and living is an important element of education. Waterfall Gully Pre School will **continue its learning journey** and dedication to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all children.