Philosophy

At St. Brigid’s Catholic School OSHC/Vacation Care we believe that all children deserve to have the opportunity to be creative, and supported in their gifts. We have a holistic approach to children’s learning and development encouraging collaboration with others. Throughout each session love, care and respect is shown, encouraged and inspired. The children are encouraged to make connections with each other and the wider community celebrating individuality, diversity and the potential each of us have.

In providing a quality Community Service, we are guided by the following

Respect

Care: We encourage all children and staff to follow St. Brigid’s Catholic School expectations of Caring for Self, Caring for others and Caring for the environment

Diversity: Experiences, values and beliefs of individuals, families and communities are respected and acknowledged.

Individuality: Each person’s gifts are celebrated, respected and acknowledged through out the centre.

Love: Led by God’s example we encourage children and staff to show love by showing we care, helping others and being positive.
Learning

*Creativity*: Children are encouraged to express themselves freely in a way that develops their sense of belonging and confidence in an open and creative manner.

*Development*: Educators continually update and develop their skills that they may continue to assist in the growth of the children in their care.

*Inspired*: We promote a safe and secure environment in which children develop their self-worth and know they are able to participate in safe risk taking to challenge themselves and try new things.

*Potential*: We see the potential in all children to be creative and develop and to grow their natural gifts. We have a ‘have a go’ attitude towards new challenges and celebrate the growth in individuals.

Community

*Connections*: Encouraging connections between staff, students, family and the wider community means that the children in our care are able to build relationships, participate in new experiences and extend their knowledge of their local and wider community.

*Collaborations*: Educators collaborate with families, the school community, the wider community and each other to engage the children in a variety of experiences which allow the children opportunities to collaborate and build ownership within each other, the staff and the community which they are part of.

*Celebrations*: We celebrate all gifts in children, when they learn new skills, when they are excited about something that is happening and when positive things happen around them. We celebrate all cultures, languages, traditions and lifestyle choices with a focus on the Catholic Church celebrations.