



Kadimah Preschool Philosophy

We believe that it is a privilege to be involved in the learning and development of young children, who should be perceived as capable, confident and unique individuals.

Therefore we endeavor to create a warm and secure environment where the children's development and learning are encouraged in an atmosphere which is supported by Jewish values and the New Zealand Early Childhood Curriculum - *Te Whāriki*.

We will promote a sense of belonging and equity by valuing and celebrating the spiritual dimensions of Judaism as well as the diverse cultural backgrounds of all children. We also acknowledge the importance of recognizing Māori as the *Tāngata Whenua*.

Treating all children and their families with respect and affection will facilitate the creation of an environment which supports the children to develop dispositions to become confident and competent learners, who will express and explore their own ideas and make contributions to the group.

This environment should also provide stimulating opportunities which encourage investigation and allow children to follow their interests as they learn and develop at their own rate, through play, experimentation and development of meaningful relationships.

We believe that educators, who are engaged in a journey of lifelong learning, can support, guide and promote the children's development, as we become interactive partners in the construction of knowledge. Therefore we value reflective practice as vital to personal and professional development and recognize that team work is essential to ensure a quality programme.

We consider communication to be of highest value, as it facilitates growth of trusting relationships with the children, their parents and the community. We therefore value the distinct dimension that each family offers and will share their child's learning and development through interaction and documentation. This will enable us to work collaboratively towards common goals for the holistic development of each child.

We believe that all children and their families should feel welcome and included, regardless of gender, ethnicity, socio-economic group, religion or any special needs. We will celebrate and promote the joy of learning and the achievements of every child.

We believe that we have a responsibility to nurture, positively guide and support each child as they develop their own special gifts for their future.

Kadimah College Preschool is for and of its community.

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