

## Aims of our Service

The Aim of Thirlmere Pegasus Early Education Centre is to provide high quality early childhood education to children in a warm, happy, stimulating environment where children can grow and learn

We believe that every child should be given the opportunity to be as ready and prepared for the Kindergarten classroom as they can be, through a program that encourages children to learn through play and exploration. We feel that the environment should empower every child to be a capable and resourceful learner.

We aim to provide professional staff who have a genuine interest and understanding in preparing children socially, emotionally, and cognitively for the school environment. Our early childhood educators celebrate what a child can do, not what they can't. We aim to provide a program that reflects children's interests to enhance exploration and creativity.

We believe that by helping and encouraging children to develop frameworks for life and learning, we are preparing them with strong foundations to build academic skills and personal attributes. Each child has strengths in some area of development, and while the path of children's developmental milestones is generally predictable and usually within an identifiable age range, every child's pattern of development is different and unique. There is a wide variation in what early childhood educators accept as "normal".

A child's development is affected by a great many variables, including genetic background, parental childrearing beliefs and practices, cultural background and environment. These all result in different kinds of experiences and therefore influence the skills, knowledge and interests a child will develop.

We believe that development is not a race, where the sooner a child develops skills and abilities, the more capable and successful they will be in later life. Our program will foster children's 'love of learning' through providing fun and stimulating activities that empower the child to be an active contributor to their own development and learning, allowing them to make the most of their own potentials. We aim to provide an environment that gives the child time, space and opportunity.