

# Echuca East Preschool FAQs

**We really value:** Natural play spaces, engaging in active hands on learning, parent involvement with the program.

**Educators strive to:** Build respectful reciprocal relationships with every child and family. Continually develop own skills and practice.

**Our Educational Program is shared with families in many ways, here are some of them:**

Program tree in the foyer, photo displays, sending the program book home with every child with opportunities to give feedback, newsletters.

**Our program, including routines is organized in ways that maximize opportunities for each child's learning. A normal day at or preschool usually runs like this:**

Indoor/outdoor choices, on-going snack/informal group, small group experiences with music, games, song, stories, all together for lunch, mat time at the end of the day.

**The expertise of families is recognised and they share in decisions making about the child's learning and wellbeing, this occurs in the following ways:**

Goal setting at the start of the year. Discussions with families – reviewing child's progress. Families sharing their own skills with the children.

**Each child's learning and development is assessed as part of an ongoing cycle of planning, documenting and evaluation, we share this with families and seek their involvement by:**

Creating children portfolios of learning stories with photos to capture the learning taking place. Informal discussion or meetings with families to share information together.

**We build relationships and engage with the local community in the following ways:**

Excursions and incursions.

School visits and transition experiences.

**Families have opportunity to be involved in our service by:**

Celebrating Indigenous culture

Participating in the program

Sharing their own unique skills

Joining us on excursions

Assisting as a parent helper in the room

Attending 'Special Visitor Day', family welcome picnic and other special occasions throughout the year

Volunteering on the parent committee

