

St Brigid's School Charter for Early Childhood Education (K-2)

Our Early Childhood Program aligns with our school vision, "To walk together with families to nurture faith filled, engaged and successful learners". Families are the first and most influential educators. We aim to be an extension of the family for each child, providing safety, security, support and a genuine sense of belonging in a nurturing and caring environment. We partner with parents and aim to establish strong and supportive relationships between home and school and encourage families to be actively involved.

## **ADVENTURE**

Adventure reflects the **fun and joy** of learning. We provide exciting and stimulating learning opportunities and experiences that are engaging and promotes a **love of learning**. We provide opportunities that **challenge** children and help them **understand risk** in a safe and supported environment. Purposeful learning occurs when children **experiment** with their environment and through **social interaction**. Both our indoor and outdoor environments encourage children to **explore** open ended experiences that extend their **imagination**.

## **LAUGHTER**

Laughter is a loud smile. It reflects **love, security and connection**. We nurture and support the development **of healthy relationships** amongst our students. **Well-being** develops through **nurturing and caring** relationships between educators and students. Our students are encouraged to work **collaboratively** with their peers and educators to **make meaning** of the world. We aim to equip students with the **skills** to develop and build **strong and meaningful relationships** with their teachers and classmates.

## **LEARNING**

Learning is **becoming our best!** Your child will be provided with experiences and opportunities that allows them to develop to their **full potential** in all domains: social, cognitive, emotional, physical and spiritual. Children learn through **social interaction, inquiry, explicit teaching and play**. Each child is **unique** and learns and develops at different rates- we know this and plan for this. Our staff have high expectations and a clear focus on student progress, achievement and outcomes. We support children in developing a **sense of agency** by encouraging them to make their **own choices and decisions** within learning experiences.

SERVICE RESPECT KINDNESS LEARNING....