

Our Service Philosophy:

At Little Green Treehouse, we believe that children should be entitled to a high-quality standard of care that is not only warm, caring, and safe – but also stimulating, fun, and educational. Here, we are all part of a family, instilled in our business model of being family owned and run. We believe our children, families, and staff strengthen our community, and should feel at home here. Our children's safety is our main priority. We believe that a consistent and safe environment is essential for each child's development, which is why when our staff are on the floor, we are 100% engaged with our children, families, and colleagues. On and off the floor, the staff are a family. This only strengthens our ability to provide the best learning and care experiences possible with a coherent vision for the centre.

As an eco-friendly centre, we believe in working with our children and families, to create a culture of sustainability. We believe that the future generation has a major impact on the world through the little things that they do within their everyday life, which is why we create opportunities from which children can learn practical and sustainable practices.

We pride ourselves on providing nutritious, organic meals where possible, specially prepared by our in-house cook each day, allowing us to cater to the children's various cultural and medical requirements. Our farming partners use a variety of environmentally friendly methods to grow beautiful and healthy fresh produce without the use of synthetic pesticides or fertilisers. By doing this, their growing practices instantly improve the environment by eliminating toxic chemicals from the air, soil, water and food supply. Organic produce is never genetically engineered or modified in any way. The produce grows in the most natural way which in turn, conserves resources such as soil, water and species that thrive in harmonious ecosystems. In addition to this, children at Little Green Treehouse work alongside their educators to tend to our vegetable and herb garden. Consequently, children are holistically engaged in the process of growing organic foods, and can enjoy the fruits of our shared work!

Our Educators provide high quality interest-based learning experiences, in conjunction with our families' input and the guidance from our local community. Through their important contributions we have formed our 'School Readiness Program' in the Philosophers room. As kindergarten is a major transition from early learning, children are supported through this program to academically, emotionally, and socially succeed in being prepared for this transition. This program integrates the NSW Education Standards Authority's 6 Key Learning Areas (Creative arts, English, HSE, Mathematics, PDHPE, Science and Technology) and holds a particular focus on 'self-help skills' towards the end of the year. Together, with the Early Years Learning Framework, we are able to provide developmentally appropriate learning experiences. In addition to this, our strong partnerships with local schools prepares our children by familiarising them with their teachers, uniform, learning content and school environment for the following year, within their current comfort zone.

At Little Green Treehouse, we believe that families are their child's first and most important educators. Therefore, we aim to encourage open, two-way conversations between families and educators, to create a socially, and culturally relevant program. This is primarily delivered through our 'Country of the Month' program. The program is embedded throughout our daily curriculum and explores the cultural practices of the children and educators within the service. Children explore dance, food, music, language, icons and the orientation of that country. Through this mutually beneficial and reciprocal relationship, children are holistically supported to reach their full potential, with the confidence that our differences are something to be celebrated - we can only add to our shared family culture!

By encouraging family members to be involved in the service, we aim to provide a service that best meets the needs of our community. In this way, we welcome visits, ideas, suggestions and participation from each family and community member. In addition to an early learning centre, Little Green Treehouse also strives towards being the cultural centre of the North Rocks community. It is essential that the centre play an active role in the local community through our own inquiries, interactions, and participation in local activities. We believe that we can act as social advocates for our children, helping the broader community understand the importance of early childhood.

To ensure that we remain abreast of changing attitudes and new ideas, our philosophy, goals, policies and practices will be evaluated by all stakeholders on an annual basis.

We welcome your questions, suggestions, and comments.

The team at Little Green Treehouse 😊