



## My Stepping Stones Rosebay Philosophy

**'A rolling stone gathers no moss' 'Stepping stones for life.'**

**We acknowledge the Gadigal people as the traditional custodians of this land and the first teachers of the next generation.**

My Stepping Stones Rose Bay is protected under the umbrella of strength and passion that are our educators. We see educators for who they are – strong, colorful, honest, and openhearted. Our team recognizes respect being a fundamental part of our belief that *everyone is in*. As a result, we promise to always remember our core belief that everyone matters, is included, and is welcomed.

Walking through the door, you enter a warm environment that feels just like home. There is a soundtrack of playful laughter in the background, the smell of a mouthwatering meals simmering away; faces of joy and happiness and an abundance of loving hugs. The deep connection between educators, children and families promotes a balanced and loving energy that flows through the hallways.

MSS is guided by the EYLF (Early Years Learning Framework) and the United Nations Conventions of the rights of the child recognizing a child's right to play and be active participants in all matters affecting their lives. We truly believe that early childhood is a transformative period in a child's learning and development and place specific emphasis on play-based learning. This can be seen in our evolving curriculum that is created by every child's voice, holistically developed experiences, routines, and interactions. We believe through play, children learn and are therefore natural investigators, artists, explorers, and pioneers of their own future.

Diversity is woven into everyday learning experiences and environments with a particular emphasis on the first founders and teachers of this land – the Aboriginal people. Authenticity is key when embedding beliefs and values of different cultural backgrounds and our educators honor the histories, cultures, languages, traditions, child rearing practices and lifestyle choices of families.

We are happy to be nestled in such a powerful community that carries with it a force of strength, positivity, and shares the motto of *giving back*. Forming key relationships with our community members and stakeholders has created a united team that promotes opportunity, support, and trust.

Family is always about togetherness, and at MSS our foundations are built on being an extension of your family. We believe in the importance of collaborating with a child's first teachers – their parents, as they are the most important connection to lay the path of opening a child's eyes to the big wide world. While in our care, we value family input and encourage family involvement in all aspects of a child's learning journey.

At My Stepping Stones Rose Bay, a philosophy is more than just a statement, it represents the time and dedication in developing core values, relationships, and beliefs that in the end, set the tone for your child's journey. Our Centre values represent a child's welfare and wellbeing as paramount and we guarantee each child to be nurtured as if one of our own.