

NEWINGTON

Our Service Philosophy



At our Newington OSHC services, we aim to create a smooth transition between home and school, and vice versa. We want this time to be an inviting place for the children to attend, and a safe place where families feel secure leaving their children.

Educators provide an enjoyable and flexible learning environment where multiple play spaces are set up, utilising both indoors and out; there are areas for rest, spaces for active play, and spaces for solitary, small or large groups. Programming is based upon children's interests, educator observations and social development needs. Children are encouraged to tell us what they would like to do in addition to the intended activities, this will ensure that children know their voice is being heard. We also encourage family input and feedback.

We align ourselves with the school's values of being Open-minded, Caring Communicators, who look to have a Balance of mind and body and the ability to be Reflective in our actions. These values compliment the YMCA Ballarat Values of Honesty, Respect, Caring and Responsibility.

We foster and take pride in our inclusive environment, nurturing friendships and respect between all students and educators. Children learn to not only recognise their own achievements but those of others, which in turn is one of the reasons we have such a connected, caring group. We endeavour to encourage honesty and responsibility for one's actions; educators' model this in their daily interactions with the children and with each other.

Whilst encouraging social interaction, we also hope to build confident and responsible individuals. We run a breakfast program where children can learn self-reliance and routine, as well as having a leadership program developed in consultation with the children.

These aspects of the service are often reflected upon to make sure they are working for the children, and that we are providing the best space for learning and play. Our educators are dedicated to continuous improvement of both self and service.

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