

Youth Leadership Victoria

Philosophy and Goals

YLV OSHC aspires to provide high quality holistic opportunities based on play and the emergent curriculum whilst working in collaborations with all children and in partnership with families and the school community; together being mutually supportive as an ongoing cycle where educators are respectful and ethical and use the outcomes from the National Quality Framework to guide planning for children's wellbeing and sense of belonging. Additionally, YLV OSHC believes in setting high expectations by fostering a spirit of equity, by respecting diversity, planning for the inclusion of children with additional needs whilst maintaining ongoing learning and reflective processes that ultimately guides everyday practice during Outside School Hours Care.

Service Philosophy and Goals

- St Gerard's Primary OSHC is committed to working with parents as partners towards achieving individual goals for their children. It is important that we embrace each family's expectations and circumstances by respecting their views regardless of gender, race, cultural background and respect their diversity.
- To provide children with a positive, safe, caring, stimulating and friendly learning environment that meets the individual needs of each child and that of their families.
- To provide affordable child care to parents who are working or pursuing employment or training.
- To provide program planning which reflects a balance of activities to meet the physical, intellectual and emotional needs of children.
- To recognise the need to take in account different ages and gender of the students when making decisions regarding the program.
- Where all children are respected, play is valued and self-esteem fostered.
- To encourage open discussion and communication between staff, families and the school community.
- To meet and exceed The National Quality Standards for Child Care.
- For the program to be a highly valued resource of the school and one which widely informs the community.