



# A Child Safe and Friendly Environment

The Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands (BGCP) is a NSW State Government organisation in the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

As a child-related government employer, all BGCP Education and Community Programs staff are required to be cleared to engage in work with children through a Working with Children Check (WWC) as a foundation.

The Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands is highly committed through both policy and practice to creating a Child Safe and Friendly Environment.

Our staff are supported to provide a place of learning and enjoyment that:

- Creates experiences that are in best interests of the child
- Supports the right to development for all children
- Respects the views of every child
- Creates spaces free from discrimination

Our philosophy uses the following framework to develop and deliver our educational experiences:

- Landscape and nature as mentor
- Embodied experience, using all learning styles
- Knowing self, others, nature
- Democratic learning
- All outdoors, all weather
- Covers a wide range of key learning areas
- Elements of play and discovery
- Imaginative and emotional
- Knowing is in the doing
- Practice informed by Eco-pedagogy and 8-Ways Aboriginal pedagogy

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