## The Ridge's Philosophy

The Ridge Preschool & Childcare Centre is a family-owned childcare centre. We understand the importance of providing quality and personalised care for the safety and wellbeing of your children.

## Our mission is to:

- 1. Provide a safe, secure, happy and loving environment where children feel they belong. Educators create a safe and supportive environment for our children through the physical environment and positive interactions, together with deep relationships with our children and their families.
- 2. Teach children to respect the land, nature and the environment.
- Our service cares for the environment and supports children to become environmentally responsible through daily routine and difference learning activities.
- 3. Promote play-based learning integrated with a comprehensive school readiness program.
- Our learning programs are based on the latest Pedagogical play based learning methods backed up with an extensive school readiness program in our two preschool rooms.
- 4. Embrace diversity, with respect to individual culture, language, physical ability, and background.
- Educators create an inclusive and encouraging environments for all different culture, language, physical ability, and background are included into the room, routine and learning experiences.
- 5. Promote wellness in all our children, including mind, body and spirit.
- Weekly Yoga Program with Qualified Kids Yoga teacher onsite
- Educators teach children about healthy eating and fundamental movement skills through Munch & Move Program
- 6. Promote creativity, including music, painting and the performing arts.
- Educators promote creativity through various activities including role play, art & craft, musical instruments, dancing, singing and performing.
- 7. To become the leading Preschool / Childcare centre in the Sutherland Shire.
- Our moto is "In Pursuit of Excellence". We will strive for the highest standards of care by embodying quality into the very fabric of our centre. We will achieve this by continuous improvement via an ongoing program of critical reflection.