

## SANTA CLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD PHILOSOPHY

We believe that every child is a unique and special creation of God, made in His image and deserving of love, respect, and care. Our philosophy is rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic tradition, and we strive to create a nurturing environment where children can grow in their faith, knowledge, and understanding.

We acknowledge that the early years of a child's life are the foundation for their future growth and development, and we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment that encourages exploration, discovery, and creativity.

We believe that play is the most natural and effective way for children to learn and grow. Through play, children develop important life skills, such as problem-solving, communication, and self-regulation, as well as their cognitive, physical, and social-emotional abilities. We provide opportunities for children to engage in meaningful play experiences that are both enjoyable and educational.

The Early Childhood teaching team facilitate high quality teaching through a balance of hands on learning experiences as well as the explicit teaching of Numeracy and Literacy skills.





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We recognise that families play a critical role in a child's development, and we value the partnership between families and school. We are committed to creating an inclusive and supportive community that embraces diversity and encourages families to actively participate in their child's learning journey. We will continue to keep you informed through Seesaw, newsletters, parent information evenings.

We believe that children should be respected as individuals and valued for their unique strengths and abilities. We support children in their individual journey, promoting a positive self-image and encouraging their self-esteem. Child safety is of upmost importance. The staff at Santa Clara use the Keeping Children Safe Curriculum to teach protective behaviours.

We support children in their individual journey and help them develop a love for learning, as well as a love for God and others.

