

## **Core values and beliefs**

At Currambena we are committed to providing an alternative to mainstream education, developing all aspects of each child. We routinely incorporate valid theories in education, child development and conflict resolution to complement our rich experience of providing alternative education. Our philosophical approach to education is based on a commitment to:

### **The joyful pursuit of lifelong learning**

We believe there is no restriction on what children can learn. Our curriculum gives emphasis to academic, social, emotional and physical aspects of children's development.

### **Celebrating the uniqueness of each child**

Each child's learning is meaningful, creative and intrinsically valued without being compared with others.

### **Developing a nurturing community to support children's development**

Learning goes on inside and outside the classroom at Currambena and we work to create a caring and safe community that respects, trusts and treasures each individual child. In turn children actively contribute to the school and develop a sense of belonging to a community.

### **Supporting our professional educators so they can promote learning with energy and passion**

The teachers earn the respect of the parents and children through their commitment, dedication, skills and educational expertise. They develop close and personal relationships with each child, involving them in sharing decisions about their own learning.

### **Honouring the role of parents**

Parents are respected as the child's first teacher. Their contribution to every aspect of the school is highly valued.

### **Teaching and modelling effective communication**

We empower children with communication skills so that they learn to take responsibility for themselves, to cooperate with others and to effectively resolve conflicts.

### **Open governance**

We are committed to transparent, democratic, consultative and contestable governance that is accessible to teachers, parents and children.