

Creating your Outdoor Play Philosophy

When our kids go outdoors I want their experience and learning to...

Look like...

Sound like...

Feel like...



What is a Philosophy?

“A theory [or set of values and principles] underlying or regarding a sphere of activity or thought; a set of ideas about how to do something [...]” (Merriam Webster) and “a system of principles for guidance of practical affairs” (Random House (1987))

This is what I/we value about outdoor play and learning...

I/we believe that children experience and learn best through outdoor experiences that are...

Our Philosophy

We believe outdoor play is...

We use time outdoors to contribute to...

We want our outdoor space to...

When our children are outdoors we will promote...

The role of the adult when children are outdoors is to...

Writing your Philosophy – some ways to think about it:

- Get to the what and why of outdoor play as an educator
- Use Key Principles or Value statements or headings if some are emerging
- It may help to start a series of statements with 'We believe/value/will/foster...'
- Explain
 - what you want kids to experience at your centre
 - how you want kids to develop or gain skills/learn
- Speak to the benefits you believe will come from your commitment to outdoor play
- Are there any commitments you are making to time outdoors, types of spaces or materials kids will be exposed to, types of play you will foster, the role of the adult....

Some key things or elements we want to talk about in our philosophy are:

Our Outdoor Play Philosophy is

