

‘Engaging and Supporting Families within our Community Play Sessions’



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ELIZABETH TAFESA AND ELIZABETH DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAY SESSIONS

- **ON-SITE PLAY SESSIONS FOR
CHILDREN BIRTH-5YEARS WHO
ATTEND WITH PARENT OR
CARER**



Creating an environment where parents, families and students can observe best practice



Play session focus:

- Strengthening connections with local communities.
- Fostering professional conversations between, students and lecturers.
- Enhancing a sense of belonging for children and their families.





PARENT TESTIMONIAL - KIM

- My name is Kim, my daughters and I have been coming to playgroup for just over 2 years.
- Having the TAFE students at playgroup is great because they bring new innovative ideas and help with the kids.
- They improve the atmosphere and the parents and kids are more motivated.
- The TAFE students enhance the playgroup experiences and make it more enjoyable and fun.
- We love having the TAFE students at our playgroup.





Offering an environment where
friendship and networks within the
local community can be developed



Student testimonial

- I have been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to work in both the Elizabeth TAFE and the Elizabeth Downs Playgroups.
- I have found them both beneficial for my studies and my own personal journey as I have gained many useful skills and knowledge that I will be able to implement into the workplace.
- I have met some really great people and children and have been able to watch the lecturers in action which has really helped me to refine my own style of interacting and engaging with the children.
- Playgroup has really helped me with my own confidence in dealing with parents, other educators and children.
- It has also helped me to become more comfortable in playing with the children as their parents are looking on which I found quite intimidating at first.
- The environment at both playgroups has been very supportive of me as a student and both the parents and the lecturers are very helpful and willing to give information about themselves and also help out with ideas to assist with my studies.
- They have also been able to help us with any problems that we might have come across on the spot and we don't have to wait until the next time we are in class to ask them questions.
- I have found playgroup a very rewarding experience especially when I am seeing trusting relationships forming between the students and the children and for me personally I can feel like I am making a positive difference in these children's lives.



Benefits for Parents/Carers:

- Opportunities to socialise and network with other families and caregivers.
- Networking within the local community
- Being supported in their role as the primary educators of their children.
- Engaging and reconnecting with their children.
- Creating an environment where parents/caregivers can observe best practice.



Being available to families to listen, support and link to and make connections with the relevant agencies when necessary.



SOME LOCAL CONNECTIONS

- The Smith Family
- Food for Smiling Program
- Dental Hygiene care
- Healthy Eating Program
- TAFESA Library – story reading
- Playford Library – School Holiday programs and story telling
- Novita children's services
- Local childcare centres etc.
- HIPPY program



Supporting students to develop their skills in connecting and building relationships with families



Benefits for Students in Playgroup Sessions:

- Takes their learning beyond the classroom
- Offers an expanded range of learning options
- Immersion in on-the-job learning
- Put theory into practice
- Complements their other workplace experiences on placement in the wider industry







Making available play experiences where families can engage and connect with their children



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS - AARON

- Being a student in playgroup gives us a great opportunity to interact with the families, children and the lectures that are apart of play sessions.
- This gives us, the students, an opportunity to support the parents and help to educate them more about child development and hygiene practices.
- Being part of the playgroup gives the parents an opportunity to interact with their children while getting support from students and lecturers.
- Being a student in playgroup gives us a wide range of opportunity's to learn different practices that we may not have learnt in class.
- Playgroup is important for the students as they are able to show case their team leader skills and also to continue to practices their communication skills with the families, it also gives students the opportunity to set up a whole environment that they choose for the children of playgroup.



Supporting families with appropriate choices in re directing and guiding children's behaviour

- Values and beliefs in guiding children's behaviour
- Policies for Play sessions
- National Quality Standards and the EYLF
- Students gain skills and strategies in relation to guiding children's behaviour.



Supporting and engaging generation
Yz Mums and Dads to enable them to
access further study and training
pathways.

- Teenage parents course
- Gaining skills and confidence
- Making positive connections with their children through play



Exciting new extension of our outdoor play space





END OF SESSION



- COMMENTS?
- QUESTIONS?