

In our garden

At Woden Valley Child Care Centre in Canberra, we have been continuously operating since 1992. Our purpose is to nurture confident, respectful and responsible citizens of the world. One of our key themes is 'to inspire children to take up a lifelong active engagement with the natural environment'.

The children are immersed in the physical aspects of their environment and make informed decisions based on what they would like to discover. Our outdoor environment encourages children to explore, experience awe and wonder, develop problem-solving skills, and develop reciprocal respect as they ensure their safety and that of others.

In such an environment, supported by knowledgeable and caring adults, a child comes to understand themselves and their world, building confidence and a sense of belonging.



OUTDOOR PLAY EXPERIENCES
Learning in nature builds children's understanding of rights and responsibilities as they discover what it means to actively care for our country and how their decisions can impact on the future.



TO BELONG AND CONNECT
The Little Bird community garden and street library support children to build their sense of belonging and develop an understanding of how to build wider community connections.



OUR PLACE
As children build connections with their environment, they take ownership of the spaces. They also strengthen peer relationships and negotiate ways to work collaboratively together.



IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES
Our learning environments are engaging and inviting. They feature natural, sustainable and quality resources for experimentation and play.



RESPECTFUL CONNECTIONS
Our connections with and respect for the culture of our First Nations people are developed through collaborative learning. Narragunnawali Garden brings awareness that we are privileged to learn, work and grow here.