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How long have you been working in childcare?

I've been working in childcare for 18 years and 10 of those, I have been a director.

What do you love most about Strathpine ELC?

Walking into Strathpine ELC, I was immediately drawn to the outdoor environments. I loved the mix of natural and physical environments and could easily envision the learning that children could be involved in, and, most importantly, the fun that children could have playing and just being. It's so nice to see my vision come to life now that the centre is open. Children are actively engaged in the environments building friendships and creating memories.

What is your personal teaching philosophy?

I value Early Childhood Education as the foundation for lifelong learning. I believe that all children are competent, capable learners who should be given choices, responsibilities and opportunities to initiate their own learning. I believe every child brings with them a deep curiosity, and potential. It is this innate curiosity that drives their interest to understand the world around them and their place in it. Providing a warm, safe and secure environment for our families, their children and my staff, I believe is the foundation of building a trusting relationship

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?

I've been lucky enough to have already travelled to a few countries, but one of my favourite places would definitely be when my husband, son and I went to Malta. My husband's family are Maltese and my husband wanted to visit the place his grandparents had been born in. If we were to go back, we would like to take his parents, who haven't visited yet.

Favourite thing to do in your spare time?

Family is very important to me, so my favourite thing to do is spend time with them. My husband and I love spending time with friends, eating out. I also love cooking especially pasta and dessert.

Do you have any children or pets?

I have 7 wonderful children. 5 girls and 2 boys. My children range in age from 31 to 12. I also have 4 beautiful grandchildren who are the light of my life.

