



Meet Our Family Day Care Educators

Kathleen, Waverley Family Day Care Educator

Tell us what you have learnt about yourself in your role as a Family Day Care educator.

I have learnt to be patient, positive and enthusiastic about my work. I have learnt to be flexible in my role and I have learned that I enjoy supporting children to flourish in their community and making a positive impact on their lives.

What qualities and skills do you need to have as a Family Day Care educator?

You need to have passion, patience, and a positive attitude in order to adjust to the many different circumstances around you when working with children.

What challenges have you had working from home?

It was difficult adjusting our daily routine while having my own children at home, and balancing time and focus between work and family.

What modifications have you made to your home in order to set up your Family Day Care?

I have needed to implement some safety modifications, making sure everything is child safe and paying more attention to cleaning.

What have been the financial benefits operating a Family Day Care?

When it comes to my tax I can claim a percentage of my rent, groceries, office supplies, internet, energy etc.

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Tell us a little bit about yourself?

I am 39 years old, I have two children and I am from the Philippines. I came to Australia in 2013 and decided to complete my Certificate 3 in Children's Services before opening my own Family Day Care with Waverley Family Day Care, in Bondi Junction.

Why did you become a Family Day Care Educator?

When I first moved to Australia it was without my own children, and I wanted to find work where I was surrounded by children. I love working with young children and their energy.

Describe a typical day.

Loud, chaotic, dramatic...but fun!

How have you been able to help the community by providing this service?

I believe that community starts with family, it is important for me to help families have peace of mind when their child is in my care. I build partnerships with families and work together for the best outcome for their children.

What have been the benefits of joining a not for profit, local government service? Why did you choose Waverley Family Day Care?

The support from Waverley Council has been fabulous, our relationship is easy and there is always open communication, they are always helping me when I need support and it's been great.

What has been the most rewarding part of your role?

It is rewarding when families tell you they appreciate your support and the children go out into their community and you see how involved and confident they have become in your care

