



## Meet Our Family Day Care Educators

### Elodie, Waverley Family Day Care Educator

#### What has been the most rewarding part of your role?

Definitely seeing the children happy and building their French language skills. Helping them develop and grow into good little humans by teaching important values such as respect, love, tolerance, and care.

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

I learnt how to be patient, very well organised and also how to handle children's big feelings. I have also learned how to run a business and build relationships with families.

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

Patience and passion are key skills to possess, you need to be caring and very resilient.

#### What challenges have you had working from home?

Lack of social interaction with other adults and sharing the house with my partner who works from home as well. You also need to make sure the house is always safe, clean, and tidy.

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

I have assisted families who want their child to learn a second or third language, take great care of them and support them on a daily basis ensuring their children are healthy and well taken care of.

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

You need to make your home "child friendly", I had to make modifications to all the windows, put locks on doors, install baby-gates and remove any sharp or dangerous items that could harm the children.

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

The wage is well above what I use to earn and being able to claim part of the rent is beneficial. It is overall an upgrade, compared to my previous roles.

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

I was referred to Waverley Family Day Care and I don't regret it at all. The staff has always been super helpful and very supportive even in unprecedented times such as COVID 19. The level of information and the availability of everyone at WFDC makes our job so much easier. The WFDC are very supportive, they are always here for us.

#### Describe a typical day.

Le Petit Prince is a French immersion service.

At 8am, the doors open and families start dropping off the children. We then play in the playroom with our educational program of the month, before having our morning tea and starting a learning experience (painting, homemade playdough) based on the interests of the children. At 10am it is park time, walk, playground. 11:30 lunch, 12:30pm nap time, 3:30pm afternoon tea and then free play and activities, music etc before 5:30pm pickup.

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#### Tell us a little bit about yourself

I'm Elodie, and I am French. I have lived in the South of France for most of my life. I have always worked in hospitality in luxury establishments and I have been in Australia for almost 8 years. I became an educator in July 2019. My family daycare is Le Petit Prince Bondi Junction where I run a French immersion program through play based learning.

#### Why did you become a Family Day Care Educator?

I discovered my love for early childhood through babysitting and nannying in France. I wanted to have my own business and transfer my knowledge of French culture into my education and care setting.