



“You get to be a part of the children’s lives which is so important and rewarding.”

Meet Our Family Day Care Educators

Zizi, 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, happy and I have learnt to listen to children, meet them at their level and how to help families set up routines and support their child. I have learnt the importance of multicultural partnerships and how to support children in understanding Reconciliation and Indigenous perspectives through partnerships with my families. I have grown my own understanding about Indigenous culture and won the “Pauline Mcleod Reconciliation Awards” in 2019 through working in partnership with my community.

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

Patience and love, this is not an easy job and its good to remember to stay calm for the children. It’s also important to have a good understanding of children.

What challenges have you had working from home?

Not many, I have loved working from home, the children see my home as their home and they feel safe and secure. It can be difficult when I need time off for appointments and to celebrate religious events, it can be stressful to ask parents to collect children early or take a day off themselves.

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

I provide support for my families, I wear many hats and am almost like a counseling service as well as educator, many families have continued to contact me after they have left my care for advice.

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

I had to put locks on doors and windows, safety glass, pay more attention to safety and cleaning and complete indoor and outdoor daily safety checks.

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

There are tax benefits, I can claim equipment, resources, food, electricity and gas on my tax. I can set my own fees and its worthwhile.

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

I like that we are a team all working together. The Council are always around and come and help me, they are always supportive.

Describe a typical day.

I am open from 7:30am-5:30pm, Monday to Wednesday. I love my day with the children, I look forward to their arrival each morning and we have a lot of singing, dancing, park excursions, good food and play in our day.

