Wilminton Kindergarten operates within the Early Years Learning Framework which is used Australia-wide in all Preschools and Child Care Centres. The Framework sets out Principles, Practices and Learning Outcomes for children from birth to five years.

PRINCIPLES
- Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- Partnerships with families
- High expectations and equity
- Respect for diversity
- Ongoing learning and reflective practice

PRACTICE
- Holistic approaches
- Responsiveness to children
- Learning through play
- Intentional teaching
- Learning environments
- Cultural competence
- Continuity of learning
- Assessment for learning

LEARNING OUTCOMES
- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children connect with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators

In a secure Kindergarten environment in which children develop trusting relationships with staff, opportunities are provided for children to achieve the five broad Learning Outcomes through play-based, developmentally appropriate activities.

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