

An ethos of self-development

Charley's Place sets a standard in education

LONG before the hit TV show *Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds* came to our screens, Charley's Place Redwood had already identified the countless benefits of young children interacting with the community's seniors.

"We have developed an amazing relationship with Bupa and have had our children visit the Rangeville aged care centre and have had the residents come to our facility to spend time with the children," Charley's Place director Jackie Mitchell said.

"It's wonderful to see them interact and share special moments and we know the seniors love their time together."

It's just one of the many programs that sets Charley's Place apart from other education providers; and Jackie points to Forest School as another.

"Forest School is about teaching children using the outdoor environment – it's about promoting confidence, self-esteem and independence," she said.

With a motto of "Play. Education. Success.", Charley's



Charley's Place director Jackie Mitchell Picture: Contributed



Charley's Place kindy teacher Bec Jaenke Picture: Contributed

Place is ready to play a pivotal role in your child's early development.

The state-of-the-art facility caters for children from six weeks to five years of age (including nursery, toddler, junior kindy and senior kindy).

Teacher Bec Jaenke says their innovative kindy program is very 'hands-on' and



NEW FRIENDS: Charley's Place is working closely with Bupa to forge strong social relationships.

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project-based, encouraging children's creative ideas and interests to guide the engaging curriculum.

"We visit the parks and Cobb & Co or have stargazing nights with the Toowoomba Astronomical Society," she said.

"All children have different learning styles and so we want to embrace the strengths of the

individual and encourage them to be curious and ask questions."

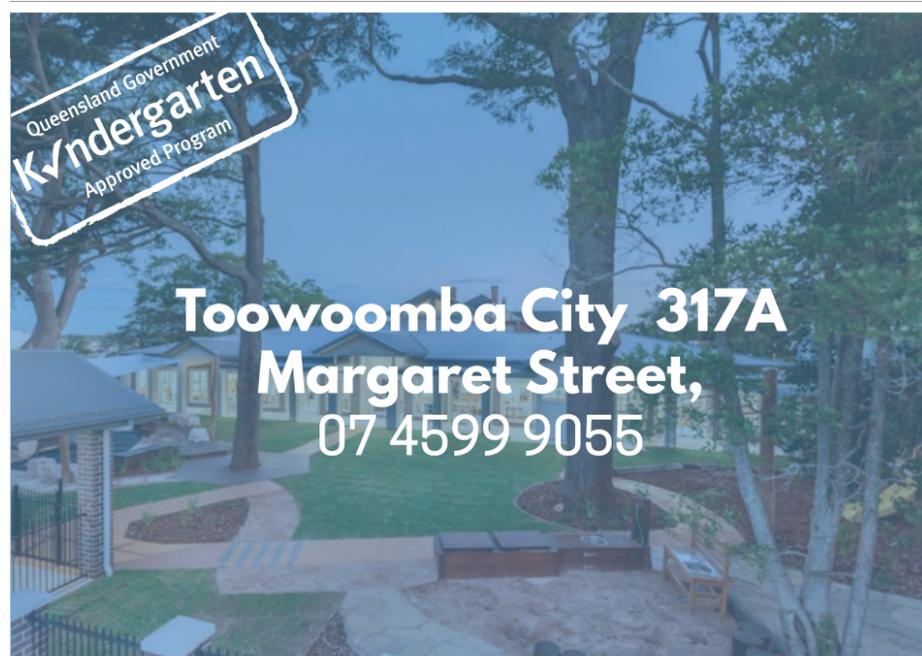
Another of the significant programs of Charley's Place Redwood is the strong affiliation it is developing with Rangeville School, where the youngsters are able to visit and experience the workings of the school to dismiss any misconceptions or fears.

"It can be a very intimidating experience for young ones to make that transition from kindy to prep to school and so we help make them feel at ease very early in their schooling journey."

"This reduces the stress for everyone – parents included, and allows the children to settle in much easier," Bec explains.

Parked high on the range in leafy surrounds, Charley's Place Redwood is able to be accessed via Burnage or Curtis streets (and, with the new Toowoomba Bypass complete, there are no traffic delays).

For more information on joining the Charley's Place family, call (07) 4599 9055 or visit the website www.charleysplace.com.au



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