

Thank you for taking the time and interest to visit our school and look at our website <http://www.childsideschool.wa.edu.au/>

Essential aspects of our school to acknowledge:

- We are small by design
- Our school is designed to be a child -friendly work place with education at its heart and purpose. There is a great deal of research and thought behind how our school looks and operates.
- What we do and why, is based upon years of research and good educational practice.
- We are a registered independent school with qualified, professional and experienced staff that are here by choice.
- We follow government curriculum requirements.
- We are a school that offers and fills a 'niche' for a particular approach to teaching and learning.
- We have a specific learning team approach with both educators and families working together in the best long term interests of the child within ***our particular school setting***.
- Each enrolled family is seen as an active participant in sharing and working towards the school vision and seeking good information about the Child Side way.
- Each enrolled family is seen as an active participant in maintaining and supporting our unique physical learning environment.
- Our school is based on mutual trust and dignity between families, children and staff.

We are a member of AISWA (Association of Independent Schools in W.A) and a member of **B**ig **P**icture **E**ducation Australia as a BPE ***inspired*** school. We are also ***inspired and informed*** by the principles and practices of Reggio Emilia.

If you are interested in seeking more information or would like to begin the enrolment process after this visit to our school and our website, then we request you:

- Contact us to arrange an enrolment meeting. We will advise you if we have a place to offer your child in that particular age range.
- Read as much as you can about our approach. Look on-line at BPE (even though it is aimed at secondary schools) and Reggio Emilia.