### WELCOME TO



## OUR History

#### The Filipsino Community Co-operative

Young Minds Academy in Mount Pritchard is a new centre with an old past.

Our service stands on the grounds of HNB long Day Care and Pre-school, one of the first Early learning Centres in Mount Pritchard. Our predecessors, the Filipino Community founded the service in 1990 as a non-for-profit organisation which aimed to nurture and educate children through the tireless efforts of volunteers who believed in the importance of education and wanted to give back to their local community.

These core values of care, integrity and community are upheld at Young Minds Academy and the labour of love which saw multi-generational enrolment at the service continues today with many alumni sending their own children to engage in the same quality of education.

# Sister Service

Our Approved Provider, Young Minds Academy, established their first service in the local area at our sister service Little Mounties Preschool in 2019. There they were able to restore the service to its former reputation as a place where children are genuinely cared for and families truly belong. In 2021, Little Mounties Preschool went through the Accreditation process and was awarded a Meeting Rating by the Department of Education, making it one of the only services in the local area to be accomplished in all areas.





# OURphilosophy

At Young Minds Academy we promote a secure and happy environment for children, in a friendly home – like atmosphere, with experienced, caring staff who strive to build rapport with children.

We believe in the importance of play-based learning through both planned, intentional teaching and spontaneous experiences that enhance each child's individual interests. Our educational program reflects the standard of the EYLF and the NQS, while ensuring that each child is able to achieve their own potential through their learning experience.

At the forefront of our service is our relationships with families and the wider community as we hope to create an inclusive, diverse environment that fosters each child's individual cultural and social background.

Our staff are well qualified and experienced, central to their philosophy is that in order to educate children they are also learners in their own right. Our service encourages professional development as learning is a life -long process.



### OUR Services



Long Day Care Ages 0 - 5 7am - 6pm Monday - Friday



School Readiness Programme



OSHC MOUNT PRITCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOL



OUR Educators



Ms Irene

OUR APPROVED PROVIDER AND EL MS IRENE GRADUATED FROM UYSD IN 2011 WITH A BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AS A SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER.

DURING HER 8 YEARS TENURE AS AN ENGLISH TEACHER SHE NOTICED A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE IN LITERACY AND BELIEVED THAT SOME CHILDREN WERE BEING LEFT BEHIND IN THE FOUNDATIONAL YEARS.

KNOWING NOTHING ABOUT THE ECEC INDUSTRY BESIDES A BELIEF THAT ALL CHILDREN DESERVE QUALITY CARE AND AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION SHE PURSUED HER PASSION AND ESTABLISHED LITTE MOUNTIES PRESCHOOL IN 2019.

IN THIS TIME SHE HAS LEARNT A LOT ABOUT THE INDUSTRY AND ALONG WITH HER TEAM WAS ABLE TO ENSURE THAT A SERVICE WHICH WAS AT RISK OF CLOSURE BECAME A WELL REGARDED AND HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER SERVICE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

HER ABILITY TO ENGAGE WITH FAMILIES ON A PERSONAL LEVEL AND CREATE A STRONG TEAM ENVIRONMENT HAS ECHOED IN THE SERVICES SHE OPERATES.



Ms Junko

WITH A CERT III IN MS JUNKO JOINED THE INDUSTRY IN 2019. HER CALM DEMEANOUR AND ABILITY TO BUILD RAPPORT WITH CHILDREN BOTH ENGAGES THEM AND GIVES THEM THE CONFIDENCE TO MAKE CHOICES AND DECISIONS THAT INSPIRE THEIR CURIOSITY AND INTERESTS WHICH DRIVE THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.



MS JOY
OUR CENTRE DIRECTOR AND NOMINATED SUPERVISOR
MS JOY HAS OVER 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE
INDUSTRY.

MS JOY IS A PASSIONATE AND CARING EDUCATOR WHO SEES EACH CHILD AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND AIMS TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

MS JOY UNDERSTANDS THE ANXIETY FELT BY FAMILIES LEAVING CHILDREN IN CARE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND IN TURN SHE ENDEAVOURS TO AID IN THIS TRANSITION. HER WARM PERSONALITY AND GENUINE REGARD FOR OUR FAMILIES MAKES THEM FEEL AT EASE AS THEY ENTRUST THEIR LITTLE ONES INTO OUR CARE.



Ms Vivi

AS ROOM LEADER OF THE YOUNG EXPLORERS ROOM (0-34 MONTHS) MS VIVI THOROUGHLY ENJOYS WORKING WITH INFANTS AND TODDLERS.

DIPLOMA TRAINED AND WITH 17 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR. MS VIVI IS A CAPABLE AND COMPASSIONATE EDUCATOR WHO IS ATTENTIVE TO THE VERBAL AND NON - VERBAL QUES OF THE CHILDREN IN HER ROOM.

MS VIVI AND HER TEAM ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE COMFORT AND SUPPORT THAT CHILDREN OF THIS AGE GROUP NEED TO SETTLE INTO THE SERVICE.

WITH MS VIVI YOUR INFANT IS IN SAFE HANDS!



## OUR Learning Environment











# Young Explorers Room (0-3's)





## Little Einsteins Room (3-5's)





