

Cottonwood Learning – Nature Play Mentor/Educator Role - CASUAL

We are looking to expand our team with nature enthusiasts, so if you enjoy nature this program is for you!

Cottonwood Learning is an all weather outdoor nature play program based on self directed play and inquiry learning. Children are given opportunities for deep play and nature immersion which fosters growth in body, mind and spirit. We aim to help children build resilience, connection and environmental stewardship through adventure and nature immersion programs. We are essentially a bush kindy program and offer Drop off sessions for families on southern Gold Coast (Currumbin & Elanora). We predominantly run programs for children aged 3-6, with extension programs in Homeschool and Playgroup.

A place where children make memories of jumping in puddles, climbing trees, looking for bugs, making potions, using real tools, constructing bushcraft and creations with nature. A time for imagination, getting muddy, rolling down hills, building cubby houses and making new adventures everyday.

Key Job Responsibilities include;

- Plan, prepare and reflect on environmental education programs that support children's wellbeing and learning journey.
- Facilitate child-led inquiry based nature immersion programs for young children.
- Ensure safety practices are implemented.
- Build nurturing relationships with children and families.
- Collaborate with team and community partners.

Qualifications:

- Qualification in Early Childhood (or alternatively Outdoor Rec, Education Support etc)
- A current First Aid, CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis Certificate
- A current blue card
- Drivers Licence

Skill set:

- Have a passion and interest in nature and Bush Kindy learning.
- Understanding of how to facilitate holistic child led play and learning outdoors.
- Have well-developed communication and empathy skills and be able to remain calm in all types of scenarios.
- Initiative, resourcefulness and flexibility.
- A playful disposition ready for adventure and don't mind getting muddy!

Physical Requirements :

- Willingness and ability to spend significant time outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Willing to be exposed to fire, smoke, water, and outdoor risks, which may include exposure to varying temperatures, weather, ticks and other hazards
- Be physically fit and capable to navigate the unpredictability of the outdoor environment and manage the resources required in the program.