

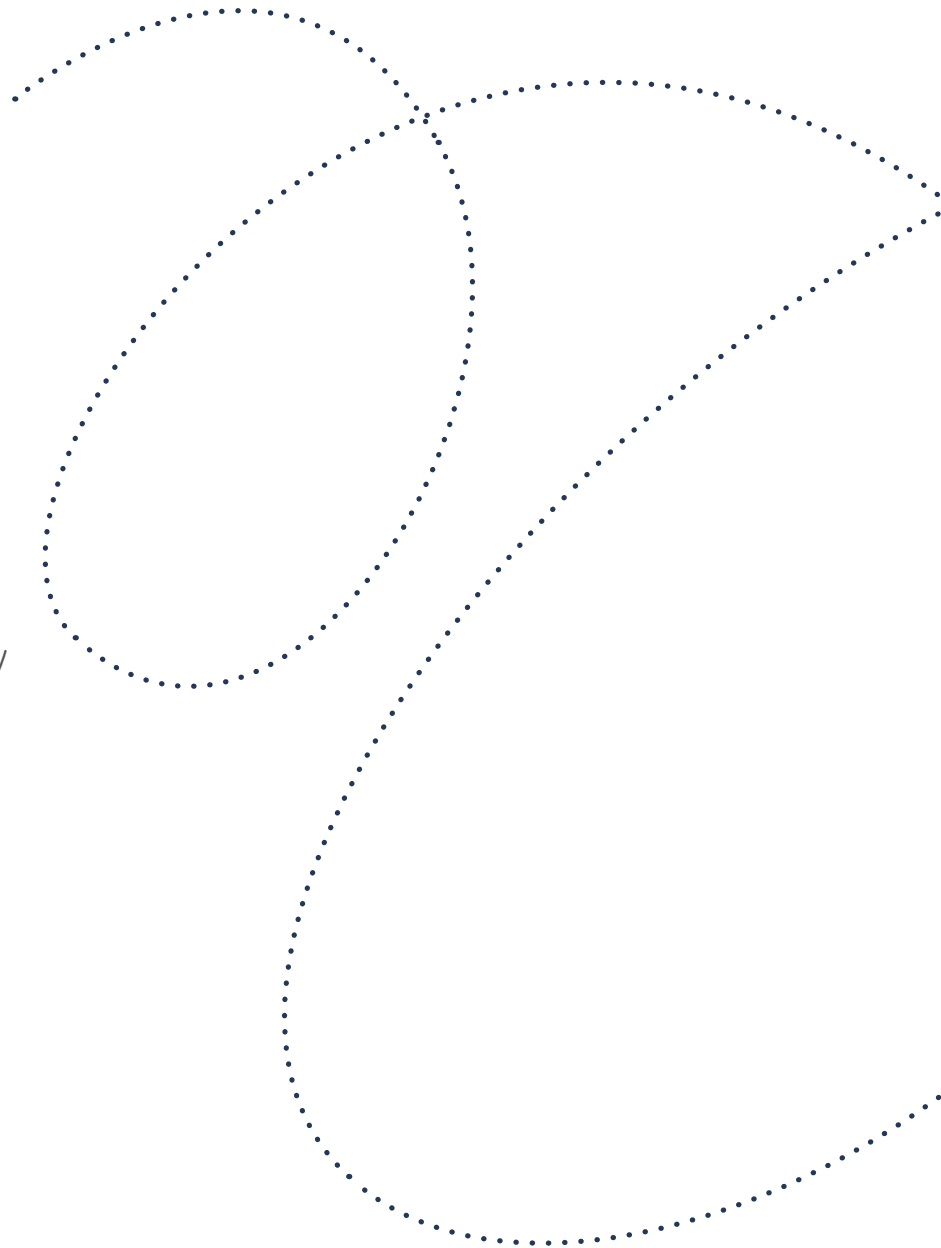
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Voice of Children



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About this book

This book captures images and quotes from children who participated in the Voice of Children project.

The Voice of Children Project captures the perspectives and insights of young children, aged three to five years old, who attend early learning centres located on Our Place sites.

Informed by a comprehensive literature review of studies conducted in Australia and overseas, the project seeks

to understand children's experiences, hopes, dreams and aspirations through child-led interviews. Children's experiences in their early learning environment, their sense of self and their expectations for their future are explored.

The Voice of Children Project is a collaboration between Our Place and Monash University's Health and Social Care Unit, conducted in 2022 and 2023.



Family Connection

“I like helping people, I like helping my dad. My daddy takes me to work and home. He goes to work without me when I’m at kinder, cos my mum is having a baby.”

“Mum and dad, I do have a dog brother. He is a cavalier. Orange and white. But my mum and dad don’t live together. And my dad is gonna be picking me up today, mom dropped me off. I’m going to stay with dad.”

“I live with my nan. She lives in Australia in my house.”

“Mum and dad, and my two sisters. One little, and one big. One go to school.”

Children's identity

“ I like to play with the sand. Build sandcastle.”

“ I like inside. Legos.”

“ My favourite toy is monster trucks. I like playing with them on that road.”

“ Playing with playdough. I want to make butterflies.”

“ I like to play with everything.”

“ Playing balls. Basketballs. We just play here. There is a little hoop. I can throw, and jump.”





Animals

“I like sharks! And crocodile, and snakes, and killer whales.”

“I do have a pet, a dog. She got black fur and white fur.”

“What’s a baby unicorn called?”

“We got ducks, chickens, pigs and dogs, sheep, a goat. Sheep eat the pumpkins. Me going to shear a sheep. My dad shears a sheep a long, long time ago.”

Strengths and friendships

“I’m good at throwing the basketball into the net.”

“Playing with my friend. We just play any game! We like outside, in the cubby.”

“I like going down the slides down the green hill. Me and my friend slide down the slide and go faster.”

“I’m good at balloons. I’m good at playing inside games.”

“I jump like this, high!”

“My friend, she’s four, she’s smaller than me.”

“Playing in the sandpit and playing with my best friend.”





Expectations for the future

“I want to be artist.”

“I want to help pets when I grow up. I want to be a pet doctor, a vet.”

“I want to be a teacher.”

“I want to be a doctor, help you when you get sick.”

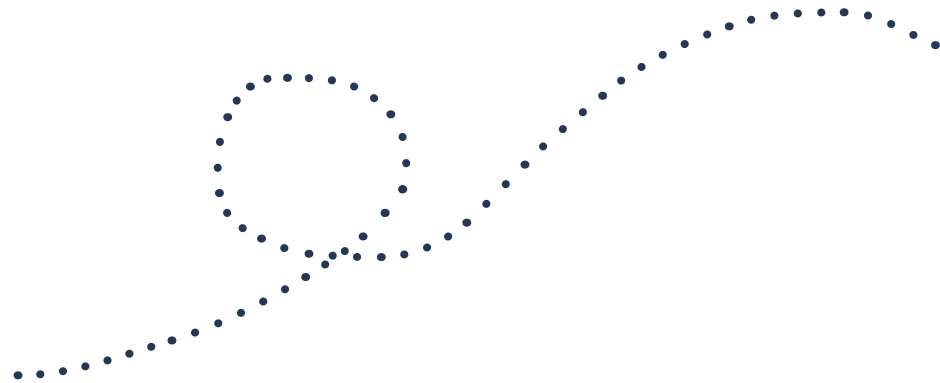
“I want to be a snake catcher, and a scientist.”

“Go to work with my dad. He does every work.”

“I want to be a policeman.”

The **Voice of Children Project**

is part of Our Place's research and evaluation work. Our Place supports the education, health and development of children and families in the Seymour community. We listen to and respond to the needs of the local community and help schools to be the central place for life-long learning and support services. Our Place has a ten-year commitment to the Seymour community.







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