

TEAC 3028 FOSTERING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN THE EARLY YEARS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102682

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Description Educators have a key responsibility for guiding and facilitating young children's positive behaviours, their sense of belonging, and wellbeing. This subject provides students with an opportunity to analyse a range of theoretical approaches and various developmental and socio-cultural contextual factors that influence children's behaviours, learning and social interactions. Specifically, students will develop knowledge about diverse approaches to guiding children positively in partnership with families that are responsive to the children's needs, family's aspirations and expectations. Students will apply the legislative and ethical protocols in designing a guidance plan to support the development of positive behaviours and socio-emotional wellbeing in an early childhood setting. Students will also critically evaluate their personal and professional dispositions relating to guiding young children's positive learning and behaviours. This subject is included in the Transition Phase of the Bachelor of Education.

School Education

Discipline Teacher Education: Early Childhood

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Co-requisite(s) -

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 1926 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-education-early-childhood/>) and have completed 120 credit points to enrol in this subject.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse theoretical approaches and socio-cultural factors associated with children's learning, development, and behaviours.
2. Explore strategies for accommodating diversity in children's characteristics, learning and behavioural styles in relation to their social interactions.
3. Explain the importance of mental health and sense of wellbeing for children's overall development and learning.
4. Critique the importance of children's understandings of themselves and others and their capacity for agency and self-regulation
5. Examine guidance strategies and techniques for promoting children's positive learning and wellbeing in partnerships with families and other professionals.
6. Evaluate the impact of environmental factors on individual and group behaviour in educational settings and organise learning environments in ways that promote positive behaviours.

7. Apply knowledge of theories and guidance policies to plan, implement and evaluate a selected guidance approach to promote children's positive behaviours.
8. Reflect on personal dispositions and professional approaches in relation to learning and teaching, with a particular emphasis on monitoring and guiding children's behaviour.

Subject Content

1. Traditional and contemporary approaches to guiding children's behaviour, social-emotional development and social interactions
2. Theories of developmental, contextual, ecological factors that influence children's behaviour and learning
3. Educators', families', and communities' beliefs, values and attitudes about children's behaviours
4. Partnering with educators, families and other professionals to support children's prosocial behaviour, social-emotional health and well-being
5. Methods of documenting and analysing behaviour, interactions and social-emotional development
6. Approaches to understanding and responding to children's challenging behaviour
7. Planning positive learning environments that promote responsive interactions and relationships with children
8. Planning, implementing and monitoring prevention and intervention strategies with consideration of legislative, policy and philosophical frameworks

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Presentation	5 minutes	20	N	Individual	N
Case Study	1,200 words	30	N	Individual	N
Essay	1,600 words	50	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Gartrell, D. (2014). A guidance approach for the encouraging classroom (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Thomson/National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Campbelltown

On-site

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