

In 2016, Anthea was one of the three Most Outstanding Educational Experience Rising Stars in Australia, and represented Queensland in the Australian Family Early Education and Care Awards. Nominated by parents and fellow educators.

Name: Anthea Driscoll

Position: Early Education Teacher (Blossom)

Qualifications: Studying Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

How long have you been working in childcare?

I've been working in childcare for 5 years.

What do you love about teaching?

I did my Cert III in High School. My mum was a teacher, so she really inspired me and I've always wanted to do it as well.

What do you love about The Brook Early Education and Care?

Everyone is very supportive, even though we have a big team, everyone is always ready to help. I also love how we are changing the way people see child care in Australia. What used to be seen as a low standard babysitting industry is now changing to be all about education. Parents are now realising that early childhood are the most important years of their children's lives, and so are investing in high quality education – and I am happy to be a part of this.

What is your own personal philosophy?

I focus on social, play-based activities. It is incredible what children learn and achieve through play – in my room, not only are they learning social skills, but also emotional resilience, and even numeracy and literacy skills.

These really are the skills they will need the most once they transition into primary school, so it is definitely what I focus on with the teaching team and parents.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Canada, Scotland, and Ireland are definitely next on my list. Really, I'd love to go anywhere cold.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what would be the one thing you take with you?

Some waterproof matches, so I can light a fire to keep warm and hopefully get help.

Favourite thing to do in your spare time?

I don't really have a lot of free time at the moment, as I'm always either at Uni or at work. But when I do have some spare time, I'll spend it with my friends, just relaxing, or trying different foods in South Bank or West End.



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