

Tiny Nation Educator Profile

Shirene

About Me



Originally from South Africa, I have been a proud New Zealand Citizen for 15 years. I am Mum to 2 amazing girls. I've been evolving as a home-based educator for 10 years, following my passion for childcare and development. I've recently completed my Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care and have loved the new knowledge I have gained.

My Philosophy

I'm very open-minded, I love diversity and I'm eager to learn alongside and with the children. I encourage children to 'give it a go', at their own pace. Each child brings their own unique characteristics which inspire me to be creative in the ways I teach them. Gathering information and sharing our daily activities with family helps us maintain a true reciprocal relationship, which is a big part of my philosophy and my values. I work with families to form great bonds, which the children can observe. This helps build trust between us, in their home away from home.

My Environment

I live in Papamoa, Tauranga.

My environment has been evolving since I began my Diploma. My indoor environment is cosy yet reflects holistic play. Resources are easily accessible, some are rotated regularly to maintain interest and others remain. A daily routine of cleaning is a part of our health and safety practice. I have a large garden where children can run, jump and explore in a secure property. I'm very lucky to be located across the road from a gorgeous park and beach where children can extend their learning on approved outings.

My Training

I hold the National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) and a Level 5 Diploma in Early Childhood Education and care. I have a current first-aid certificate. I have attended additional professional development courses such as Child Protection.

My Availability

I am available Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm (flexible).

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big thinkers through the
joy of play.**

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