

In my capacity as Director of Indooroopilly Montessori Pre-school Centre, I have had occasion over the last 6 years to interact with Dr Margaret Carter on a professional level in a number of areas.

Dr. Carter has provided the Centre with the backbone of a professional childcare behaviour development & management framework which, I am confident, is unparalleled in Qld, if not Australia.

Dr Carter has, over the last six years undertaken the role of consultant, facilitator, mentor, coach and teacher of behaviour development and management to the staff and parent community of IMPC. Six years ago, Dr Carter was instrumental in assisting the centre in the draft implementation of Dr. Michael Bernard's "You Can Do It Education" Early Childhood Program. This was a great success within the Centre and was later published internationally by the Aust. Scholarship Group in 2004.

Dr. Carter has been a "saviour" to IMPC in many ways. Her professional knowledge and wonderful people skills have been utilised on numerous occasions in facilitating sessions with the centre's staff and parents on subjects such as:

- ◆ behaviour development and management
- ◆ conflict resolution
- ◆ regular parent education workshops

At this particular time, Dr Carter is engaged in continuing to provide assistance to the staff at IMPC with regard to our "Guided Choices" programme.

Dr Carter is contemporary in her approach to behaviour development, management and leadership – always keen to explore new territories and see how these complement existing practices and paradigms. Another strength that Dr Carter brings to the Centre is her ability to listen, comprehend, reflect on early childhood educational issues and come up with innovative solutions for staff and parents.

With Dr Carters support, IMPC are embarking on the next stage of our journey – incorporating the latest brain research in the area of emotion management within our 'Guided Choices' program.

Dr Carter continues to provide the Centre with professional assistance and her experience, knowledge, interpersonal and presentational skills greatly contribute to the ongoing overall success of the Centre. This is

clearly evident by the number of parents we have on the ‘waiting list’ for the small group (5 week – 2 hour) parenting sessions currently being facilitated by Dr. Carter at IMPC.

Significant contributor to the IMPC community? Absolutely.

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