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At AELC every aspect of the children's personality & development are considered, as we teach the children based on the NZ early childhood curriculum, [Te Whāriki](#), which guides us in empowering the children to become enthusiastic lifelong learners. Our teaching is based around the children's own interests and strengths.

The four principles of [Te Whāriki](#) which underpin our programme are;

1. Holistic Development

We foster the holistic way children learn & grow through...

- Warm consistent relationships between children, staff & family / whanau.
- Teachers who role model & demonstrate to children how to use the equipment & resources appropriately. We provide a safe, yet exploratory environment.
- Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning environment.

2. Relationships

Children learn through responsive & reciprocal relationships with people, place & things...

- We believe children learn lifelong skills through positive relationships.
- We foster the extension of children's idea and actions.

3. Family & Community

The wider world of family & community is an integral part of our early childhood centre.

- We foster communication with family / whanau on a daily basis & support all cultural backgrounds.
- A variety of formal & informal observations is completed for each child. They have individual portfolios, recording their learning & development.

4. Empowerment

At AELC we empower children to learn and grow...

- By providing a variety of resources which enable children to extend their ideas & social interactions.

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- Our environment is rich in creativity to give your child the opportunity to experience & experiment.
- Our 4 year old extension programme prepares your child for school.