

# WOODLANDS BEACHSIDE CAMPUS, REPULSE BAY

Pre-school teacher, Catherine Jenkins, shows us around the Woodland Beachside Campus



**The highlight of my day is when we open the doors to the children** and see their happy smiling faces arriving in class full of enthusiasm. It's a wonderful start to the morning! It is lovely to see our students arrive at school keen and eager to start their learning day which begins with developmental play. This is a time for children to gain independence when selecting an activity of their choosing. It also builds on their social skills as they interact with us and their peers. Throughout the morning and afternoon the children have the opportunity to join in with circle time, teacher-led activities, snack-time and our wonderful outside playground and indoor playroom with its very own ice-cream van and fish and chip shop!

**Growing up in the UK, I always lived near the beach so being based on the southside suits me down to the ground.** I have sea views from our classroom as well as from my home

in Stanley. I love the fact I can go hiking easily, relax on the beach, or watch the world go by from one of the many lovely beachside cafes.

**We follow the Early Years Foundation stage or EYFS** of the British National Curriculum and use the early learning goals as a base for our curriculum plans. It is so rewarding for us to see the children grow into independent learners while preparing them for the challenges that face them in primary schools.

**We encourage working in partnership with parents and support an open door policy.** The children's parents have the opportunity to come in for a snack and story and join in with special events. If the children have family visiting, especially grandparents, it is lovely to see them too.

**As an educator it is wonderful to hear how**

**books are being shared** and enjoyed at home as well as school. We encourage children to be independent, let them carry out self-help tasks such as hanging up their own coat, carrying their own bag, and managing their own belongings.

**At home I recommend having a games night** where your child can play board games - such as snakes and ladders - which helps children to learn how to share and take turns. Let them have fun through role-play to encourage their early literacy skills. Also, have a pen and paper at the ready, even getting them to help write your shopping list to develop their writings skills. Children love to have stories read to them at home and school; making a trip to the local library is a wonderful way for children to take pleasure in reading books.

**Asking your child to do things for themselves** goes hand in hand in building their social awareness. Children love to feel that they are being helpful; make it fun so they feel it is not a chore. 



## School Report

### Woodland Beachside Campus

**Application date:** Year round

**Year founded:** 1978 (Woodland Group)

**Total number of pupils:** 110-120

**School fees:** \$2,000 - \$12,400 depending on age of child and number of classes