

## **Nina Graham**

My name is Nina Graham and I am an Educator at Cooks Hill Preschool. After deliberating between a Fine Arts Degree and a Nursing Degree, and growing up in a big extended family, I came to the decision to start something that almost combines all three. It seemed like a natural progression for me to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education.

In March 2015, I enrolled in TAFE to start a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. During my course, I picked up a weekly shift at Cooks Hill Preschool, which rapidly developed my knowledge and experience by working with children, whilst studying. Upon finishing in June 2016, I was lucky enough to accept an offer of full-time work for the upcoming year (2017). Since 2017, I have continued my work as a full time Educator in Early Childhood, here at Cooks Hill Preschool.

I am committed to providing education and care in a nurturing, loving environment where children can grow, learn and develop at their own level whilst having fun. I have begun my Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Teaching) as I want to continue to build my knowledge of Early Childhood. As an Educator I encourage confidence, independence and a sense of comfort and belonging. I am dedicated in supporting children to explore their wider community.

I believe it is full of wonderful experiences, opportunities for learning and a chance to contribute to their local community. Which also ties into our responsibilities for a sustainable future and to promote children's understanding about their responsibility to care for the environment. I feel very privileged to be part of a child's day at preschool, no two days are the same! I want to make a difference in the lives of the children and their families.