

Michelle

Co-ordinator Sector Capacity Building (SCP) &
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<i>Qualifications</i>	Diploma of Teaching – Early Childhood Education, Newcastle University
<i>Why I work at Firstchance</i>	<p>I love the process of establishing and developing relationships with the little people I support and their wonderful families. I feel privileged to work alongside parents during their journey of growth for their child. I find great joy in being able to witness and be part of a child's 'firsts' as they develop through the early years. It's so rewarding to help plan and adapt activities and experiences for them to access and try and the outcome of wonder, giggles and that look of achievement is the best reaction to see on a child and parents face.</p> <p>I love the preschool and early education space and developing collaborative partnerships with early childhood educators to support children via a Best-Practice and Strengths-based Inclusion and Diversity approach.</p>
<i>The skills I bring to Firstchance</i>	<p>A strong belief, vision and training that fosters the Inclusion of ALL children in their family, home, preschool or school, and their community.</p> <p>A background in Teaching in Early Childhood Education settings, predominantly community-based preschools as a teacher, and preschool director.</p> <p>Passion and commitment to ensure that wherever there exist barriers to a child's participation, solutions focused policy and practices are implemented.</p> <p>A willingness to make things fun and meaningful to every child and their family.</p> <p>Additional to my regular roles at Firstchance, I also have enthusiasm and dedication in supporting siblings of a child with a disability, in the context of their family unit. Facilitating the Sibsrule program when the opportunity arises, is something I thoroughly enjoy.</p>
<i>Outside of work I like to</i>	<p>Relax and swim at the beach.</p> <p>Go on holidays and weekend trips with my family in my caravan.</p> <p>Travel (in Australia or overseas) and explore new countries and culture, when Covid restrictions permit it!</p> <p>Go for long walks with my dog.</p> <p>Watch my big and little kids play soccer and other sports.</p> <p>Enjoy time with my extended family and friends.</p>

