

# Gumma Place Charter

## What is Gumma Place?

Gumma Place is a hands-on, trade-based school designed to help young people reconnect with learning in a way that works for them. We're not a traditional school—we're a place where you can gain real-world skills, feel supported, and build a future that's right for you.

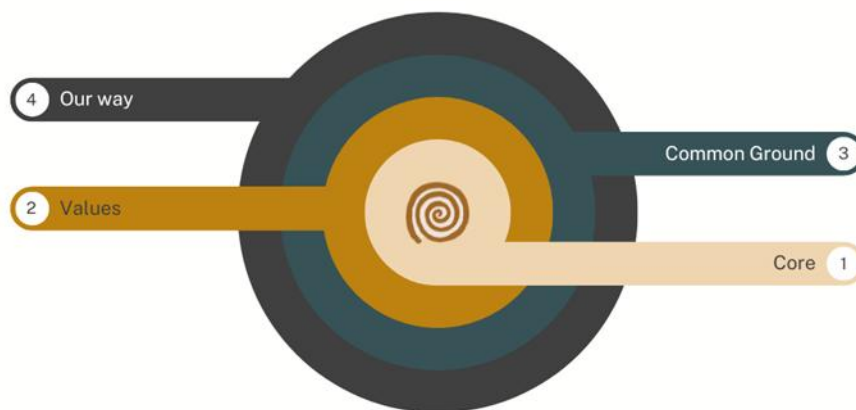
## Our Vision

We believe in creating a learning community where young people feel heard, valued, and supported. At Gumma Place, you'll gain skills, confidence, and the freedom to shape your own future.

## Our Purpose

We get it—not everyone fits into the traditional school system. That's why Gumma Place offers a flexible, supportive, and hands-on learning environment. Whether it's trade skills, cultural learning, or personal development, we're here to help you grow, succeed, and feel part of something bigger.

We focus on **real-life learning**—not just theory. That means gaining practical skills, connecting with your community, and feeling ready for what comes next.



## Core



### Safety

At Gumma Place, safety isn't just about following rules—it's about feeling secure in every way.

- **Emotional Safety:** We know that many of our young people have been through tough times. That's why we create a space where you can feel calm, supported, and respected.
- **Cultural Safety:** If you're Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, your culture is valued and celebrated here.
- **Physical Safety:** Our trade workshops and learning spaces are built to be safe, so you can learn without worry.

When you feel safe, you can focus on learning, growing, and shaping your future.

## Our Values



We follow four main values:

### **Belonging**

You don't have to change who you are to fit in here. At Gumma Place, you're part of a community that respects you for **who you are**.

### **Mastery**

Find what you love and get really good at it. Whether it's welding, carpentry, mechanics, or another skill, we'll support you in achieving your personal goals.

### **Independence**

We'll help you take charge of your learning and life. That means making decisions, setting goals, and being responsible for your own journey.

### **Generosity**

Giving back feels good! Whether it's helping your community, working on projects, or supporting a mate, generosity helps build strong, connected people.

# Common Ground



At Gumma Place, we follow a **Common Ground Model**, which guides how we learn, work, and support each other.

## Centeredness

Before learning happens, you need to feel balanced. We focus on **mental well-being, emotional strength, and cultural connection** to help you feel steady and ready to learn.

## Communication

We believe in **open, honest conversations**. Whether it's with teachers, staff, or other students, we use **Restorative Practices** to solve conflicts and build strong relationships.

## Connection

Learning isn't just about books and assignments—it's about people. We work as a team, respect each other, and build strong connections with the wider community.

## Critical and Creative Thinking

We encourage you to **think outside the box**. Creative problem-solving, hands-on learning, and real-world challenges are part of what makes Gumma Place different.

## Character

Knowing **who you are** and what you stand for is important. We help you develop self-confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of responsibility.

## Our Way



### How We Support You

At Gumma Place, we use **three key approaches** to make sure you feel supported and ready to succeed:

#### Berry Street Education Model

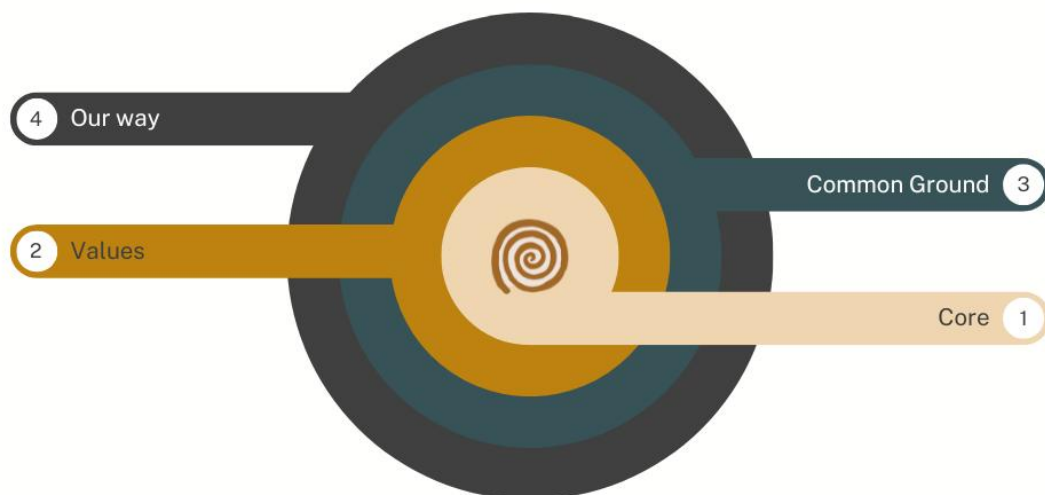
This is a trauma-informed approach that helps you feel safe, respected, and engaged in learning—especially if you’ve had struggles with school before.

#### Restorative Practice

If problems arise, we don’t just punish—we **talk, listen, and work things out together**. That way, everyone learns and grows.

#### Educational Kinesiology (Brain Gym®)

This method uses movement-based activities to help your brain and body work together, making learning easier and reducing stress.



## What Makes Us Different?

Gumma Place isn't just a school—it's a **learning community** built around YOU.

- **Hands-on learning** in a real trade-based environment
- **A flexible, supportive approach** that meets your needs
- **A focus on skills, confidence, and well-being**
- **A culturally respectful and inclusive space**
- **A pathway to jobs, further training, and independence**

If you want to **learn, grow, and build a future that works for you**, Gumma Place is here to help make that happen.

Welcome to **your place, your future, your way**.