

Westgarth Primary School
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program
2021
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Background

The Westgarth OSHC Program commenced in 1988 by the School Council to provide safe, enjoyable childcare. The program is a not-for-profit Commonwealth approved program which operates in accordance with The Education & Care Services National Regulations 2011.

Philosophy

WPS OSHC will aim to provide an atmosphere that is fun, friendly and safe. We will provide a calm, relaxed and flexible environment that includes a quiet corner which is comfortable and a range of good quality equipment that is accessible to all children.

- An approved learning framework informs the development of a curriculum that enhances each child's learning and development. Educators and co-ordinators are focused, active and reflective in designing and delivering the program for each child.
- Each child's health needs are supported; healthy eating and physical activity are embedded in the program for children; each child is protected.
- The design and location of the premises is appropriate for the operation of a service; the environment is inclusive, promotes competence, independent exploration and learning through play. The service takes an active role in caring for its environment and contributes to a sustainable future.
- Staffing arrangements enhance children's learning and development and ensure their safety and wellbeing. Educators, co-ordinators and staff members are respectful and ethical.
- Respectful and equitable relationships are developed and maintained with each child. Each child is supported to build and maintain sensitive and responsive relationships with other children and adults.
- Respectful and supportive relationships with families are developed and maintained; families are supported in their parenting role and their values and beliefs about childrearing are respected. The service collaborates with other organisations and service providers to enhance children's learning and wellbeing.
- Effective leadership promotes a positive organisational culture and builds a professional learning community; Management are committed to continuous improvement.

Management

The program is provided and managed by the School Council with recommendations from a sub-committee. The sub-committee operates under the auspices of the School Council and is accountable to the School Council.

The OSHC sub-committee consists of the Program Coordinator, Assistant Principal, School Council representatives and interested parents/carers whose children attend the program.

The sub-committee usually meets monthly to discuss issues related to the overall management of the program including development of policies, quality assurance, staffing, maintenance and financial management. Recommendations are then taken to School Council. All parents/carers are welcome to attend sub-committee meetings and notification of OSHC sub-committee meetings are advertised in the school newsletter.

Staffing

The Westgarth OSHC programs employ people from a wide range of backgrounds. All staff hold a minimum Certificate III in Childcare Services, or equivalent.

Location

The OSHC Program operates from the Farmhouse on the Clarke Street site.

Program Times

Before Care: Monday to Friday 7.30 am to 8.45 am
After Care: Monday to Friday 3.30 pm to 5.50 pm
Curriculum Days: 7.30 am to 5.50 pm

The morning program is licensed for 150 children and the afternoon program for 150 children.

Fees for Semester One 2021

Before Care

Permanent booking \$10.50 Casual booking \$12.50

After Care

Permanent booking \$17.50 Casual booking \$19.50

Curriculum Day

Day rate \$45.00

Subsidy available to parents

Child Care Benefit (CCB) is a subsidy paid by the Family Assistance Office to assist families with childcare payments. More details in the handbook.

Enrolment Procedures

Information Handbooks are available from the school office (Brooke Street) and directly from the program. Enrolments and Bookings are undertaken online and must be completed before attendance by your child.

Please see the Westgarth OSHC Family Information Handbook for all policies and procedures.