

# Before & After School Care at Northcote PS

**NEW!**

From the start of Term 1, 2017, there will be a new Before & After School Care and Holiday Program at Northcote PS run by OSHClub. OSHClub is one of Australia's leading providers of Before and After School Care programs and Holiday programs.

We form strong, collaborative ties with each School and design and develop each of our programs specifically to meet the needs of each unique community.

## **What happens at OSHClub?**

We believe in the power of choice for each child, so each session comprises a wide range of experiences for them to choose from. No-one is forced to do anything except have fun. The children are encouraged to join in with our planned activities but it is their choice as to whether to participate or make the most of the wide range of toys and games available for free play. We provide:

- > Loads of toys
- > Dress ups
- > Science
- > Art/Craft
- > Board games
- > Games
- > Drama
- > Sports
- > Art and craft materials
- > Cooking
- > Gardening
- > Homework time (if required)

We encourage lots of outside and sporting activities, making the most of the great school grounds and facilities.

We welcome input and involvement from parents and especially the children – their ideas of what they would like to do are sometimes even better than ours!

## **Holiday Program**

The Holiday Program will consist of Themed, centre-based days, Incursions and Excursions. Our programs are open to any children, so if you need care during the Holidays when we are not open, please go to our Website to find which other programs your children could attend.

## **Who is looking after your children?**

Our programs are run by wonderful, warm, welcoming, experienced and trained people. The staff we employ will give you peace of mind that you are leaving your children in very safe hands while they enjoy the program's activities.

## **Hungry tummies**

We provide healthy, tasty and nutritious food for breakfast and afternoon tea. Breakfast includes low sugar cereals, wholemeal toast, water and fresh milk/soy milk, then a special item that changes daily - for example English Muffins, fruit smoothies, blueberry pancakes or fruit toast.

Afternoon tea includes masses of fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh milk/soy milk, then a special item that changes daily – for example toasted sandwiches, soup, pasta, vegetable wraps, mini pizzas or vegetarian tacos.

Our menus cater for any special dietary requirements including those with allergies or cultural needs, and take into consideration each child's preferences. We ask them what they like! The menu changes each week.



## How do you enrol and book sessions?

Enrolments and bookings are made online through our secure system available from our website. Last minute bookings and cancellations can be made simply by calling our Accounts Team at Head Office. We don't charge an initial or annual registration fee. Why not enrol anyway and then if you need care in an emergency, we already have your details and your children can join in the fun without any problems. We will always welcome children to the program, but if they are enrolled with us beforehand the process becomes much smoother.

For parents with no access to the internet, all bookings can be made through either the Coordinator or our Accounts Team at our Head office.

## What does it cost?

Permanent and Casual bookings are both the same cost. There is a small extra charge of \$3.30 for any last minute bookings made within 24 hours of a session.

Before & After School Care bookings can be cancelled up to 24 hours before a session without incurring any out of pocket costs.

If your child is sick – or you are sick yourself – you will not incur any out of pocket costs.

The program will be registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the 50% Child Care Rebate (CCR) on your fees. The CCR is not means tested which means just about all working or studying parents are eligible to receive it. Call 13 61 50 to register.

	Fee (both Permanent & Casual Bookings)	Opening Hours
Before School Care	<b>\$3.09 to \$6.00</b> (full fee \$12.00)	7:30am – 9:00am
After School Care	<b>\$3.78 to \$8.63</b> (full fee \$17.25)	3:30pm – 6:00pm
Curriculum Day Care	<b>\$0.66 to \$12.00</b> (full fee \$42.00)	7:30am – 6:00pm
Holiday Program (from April 2017)	<b>\$9.66 to \$30.00</b> (full fee \$60.00)	7:30am – 6:00pm

Fees are subject to change

A late booking fee of \$3.30 applies to all BSC/ASC bookings made within 24 hours of the session

A late booking fee of \$10.00 applies to all Holiday Program bookings made within 5 days of the session

The actual out of pocket cost will vary between these amounts depending on individual families' circumstances.

## How do I pay?

Payments are made by Direct Debit to either your nominated Bank Account or to a Credit Card on a fortnightly basis in arrears. If you nominate that your CCB and CCR entitlements are to be automatically paid to your provider (OSHClub) you won't have to pay up front and worry about claiming these amounts back.

## Need more information?

We will be holding a **Parent Information Night** on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the OSHC building, so please join us to find out more about the program and OSHClub, and ask any questions you have.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns about enrolling or booking sessions, or how to apply for CCB/CCR, please contact your designated Parent Accounts Manager:

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We look forward to welcoming you to our Program.

