

Kindergarten Families

Welcome to Settlers Farm Campus Out of School Hours Care or as we like to call it "OSHC"

We are a professional team of qualified & part qualified educators who provide a quality, fun, safe, recreational child care program for the families of our community.

OSHC is usually for primary school age children (R-7) but where possible we do like to extend this service to our Kindergarten families. Any questions you may have regarding care for your child are hopefully answered below but if you think of something else please see a member of our leadership team.

What happens when my child comes to OSHC in the mornings?

Our educators have very clear procedures with the Kindy children who use the service in morning care, and for this reason when we have kindy children booked in we reduce our child/staff ratio.

Educators are mindful that the child may be upset when their parent leaves so they spend time with the child comforting and settling them and finding a buddy to show them around.

If the child arrives during breakfast the educator will offer them breakfast and assist in writing their name on the breakfast list.

Our kindergarten children sit for group time with all the other children and at 8.30am are taken to the kindy, where they are signed in and assisted to put their bag in a locker, lunch out and in the correct box, and place their name in the attendance box.

Most children at this stage are prepared to say goodbye to our educator but occasionally a child will need to be settled so our staff member will stay and assist them.

Do you collect my child in the afternoon from Kindergarten?

An Educator will leave OSHC at 3.05pm to collect the Kindy children booked in, they will speak to kindy staff about the children's day and they may be asked to pass on notes or information to parents. Our educator will make sure all personal belongings are collected including lunch boxes, drink bottles, hat, jumpers and any art work.

When the children arrive at OSHC the educator will assist the child in placing their bag on the bag rack, getting signed in, washing their hands and getting some afternoon tea. Once this has happened the educator will ensure your child has settled in an area before moving on.

How does my child fit into the OSHC program?

At OSHC we program using the My Time, Our Place framework. We have an area that is only used by children 8 years and under. This area has equipment, activities and resources that are age appropriate and allows children to play in an environment less overwhelming.

What happens when my child has a half day?

Your child can be booked in for morning care on these days but unfortunately we are unable to provide care for the afternoon session. Our operational hours are as follows:

Normal school day 6:30-8:30am 3:05-6:00pm

School early finish 2:05-6:00

School closure/Pupil free day 6:30-6:00.

There are occasions where we can assist with care during these times ie if the Kindy PFD is the same day as the school PFD or on a day where the school has a PFD and we are staying at the centre we may be able to drop your child off at Kindy or collect them at 3:05.

You will see signs around the centre when a PFD is approaching and it is your responsibility to book your child in for these days.

Can my 4 year old attend Vacation Care?

Yes we accept bookings for kindy children, unless it is a swimming day. Unfortunately all swimming centres we use insist that each child under 5 years of age must have an adult in the pool with them and they must be within arm's reach of that adult at all times. We do not have the staff to meet this ratio so you will need to find alternative care for those days.

If you have any questions regarding the care of your child at OSHC please do not hesitate in making an appointment to see either myself or someone from the leadership team

With regards

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