





# SPRING VACATION CARE PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2020



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# welcome

... to another fun-filled Vacation Care.

We have booked two very active excursions these holidays: *Wyoming Tennis* and *Kincumber Mountain Bush Walk*. Professional Tennis trainers will teach the children the skills needed to play tennis and reinforce them through active games for 4 hours of intense fun. Bush walks are always a popular excursion for everyone, including those who may not usually “go bush”.

We have two very exciting incursions planned. A science workshop with “*Beyond the Beanstalk*”. Innovative hands on activities that will teach the children to think beyond what they can see in our environment. In addition, the team from “*FitKids*” will be running a 2-hour archery incursion where children will step back in time and channel their inner “Robin Hood”.

We continue to support our community through these difficult times by covering the costs of these activities.



## MEDICATION

A medical management plan is required for any child who has ongoing medical issues including asthma and allergies. Medication **will only be accepted** if it is in its original packaging or a Webster Pack and can only be administered if prescribed by a health professional. An authority form must be completed at the time of booking. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

## CHILD SAFETY & PROTECTION:

The Safety and Wellbeing of your Children is our First Priority. We are a **locally managed** Community based care service, approved by the Department of Education and Communities (Service Approval No: SE 00013740) & fully licensed by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) for the Child Care Subsidy Scheme. All supervisors are approved by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and have:

- Current Working with Children checks.
- Current First Aid Certificates (incl. Asthma & Anaphylaxis Management)
- Undertaken *Identify & Respond to Children at Risk* training.

We **DO NOT** use volunteers, students on placement or older children to supervise your children.

# what do I need to bring?



- ✓ **FOOD: Children get hungry!** We do not provide food for children during Vacation Care. Please pack a nutritious morning tea, a substantial lunch plus an afternoon snack. **Note:** No cooking facilities are available. Please inform staff if your child's food needs refrigeration but note this cannot be guaranteed as space is limited.
- ✓ **REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE.** The bubblers are not operational due to Covid-19 and we do not provide water bottles.
- ✓ **SUN SAFE HAT AND ENCLOSED SHOES.** Enclosed, non-slip shoes. A hat that protects their face, neck & ears. A warm jacket or jumper. Sun-safe clothing suitable for the day's activities.
- ✓ **KINCUMBA MOUNTAIN EXCURSION:** Children will need to bring a small backpack, or bag that they are able to carry, for their lunch and water bottle and spare clothes.
- ✓ **WHEELS DAY:** Children bring their own bikes, scooters, roller skates for the day. Children need to bring their own helmets and safety gear.

## PLEASE DO NOT SEND or BRING

- ✗ Any nuts or food products containing nuts.
- ✗ Soft drinks or "Fast food" (e.g. McDonalds, KFC, Subway etc.).
- ✗ We prefer children do not bring chips and lollies.
- ✗ Thongs, Sandals, Crocs, Ballet Slippers, Singlet tops are **not suitable**. Parents will be asked to return with appropriate footwear/clothing
- ✗ Expensive or "special" clothing. The children use paint and glue and play outside.
- ✗ Mobile phones, toys, electronic games etc. They cause arguments & distress if the item is broken or lost. These items will be confiscated & returned at the end of the day. We do not accept responsibility for any personal item that is lost or broken

## THE FINE PRINT

### FEES

Our current, daily standard fee is just \$67.00\* per child for up to 12 hours' care. Fees are reduced by the amount of your Child Care Subsidy. (CCS). Generally, the CCS is automatically deducted from your fees. For some, the cost can be less than \$4 per day! Compare these costs with other similar holiday activities. As a Not for Profit, Community based organization we aim to provide affordable child care for as many families as possible while ensuring that children attending Vacation Care experience the usual "holiday" activities. Where surcharges are added, they cover the cost of transport, entry fees, presenter fees, hire of equipment and wages for additional staff.

*\* Higher fees apply if direct debit is not used.*

### PAYMENT

We use Direct Debit for our fees to reduce administrative overheads. Fees are debited on the Thursday, based on estimated CCS and any adjustments are processed in the following week. Bookings will not be accepted if accounts are in arrears. If you are experiencing financial hardship and require care due to work or study commitments, please contact Leigh-Anne to discuss.

### CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

As a community organization, we try to accommodate all children. However, due to the additional staffing required, and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, enrolment of children with additional needs is dependent on the activities planned, the number of children attending and the complexity of the issue. Please contact the Service Manager, Leigh-Anne Burkett, prior to the holidays to discuss your requirements.

### PLEASE BOOK EARLY

We conform to the Government's priority of access guidelines:

1. Children who are at risk or require emergency care
2. Children whose parents are working or studying
3. Any other child

### EMERGENCIES

**If you are not booked in your child cannot be accepted.** However, in an emergency we will always try to accommodate your needs. Please contact the Centre as soon as you are aware that you need care.

# the program

<b>MON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>GARDEN GURUS DAY.</b> A day of creative fun and games around creatures and things in our Gardens. Sun catchers, Lady Bugs, Caterpillar and lots more.
<b>TUES 29<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER EXCURSION</b>	<b>TENNIS EXCURSION.</b> We leave at 9 am for Wyoming Tennis court to learn Tennis skills and play a few games. Return approximately 3 pm
<b>WED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>HARRY POTTER DAY.</b> A fun filled day of craft, potion making and games. Children will make their own wands, dragon eggs and try their hands at playing Quidditch and Dobby Fukurama.
<b>THURS 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER EXCURSION</b>	<b>KINCUMBA MOUNTAIN EXCURSION</b> We will leave by bus at 10 am for Kincumba Reserve. Children will enjoy exploring our beautiful Kincumba reserve while connecting with nature and the wildlife. Return to OLR at 3 pm
<b>FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER INCURSION.</b>	<b>WORLD SCIENCE DAY- BEYOND THE BEANSTALK</b> Children explore their world through fun innovative hands on activities that looks at science in our environment using I pads and Micro Scopes. Followed by water experimentation craft.
<b>MON 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER PUBLIC HOLIDAY – OUR SERVICE IS CLOSED</b>	
<b>TUES 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>ARTIST FOR A DAY –</b> there are lots of ways to have fun with drawing and painting. Come along and learn from our own ARTIST SHIRIN as she teaches children the different techniques used for creating their own master piece.
<b>WED 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER BYO Wheels</b>	<b>WHEELS DAY –</b> most popular day of Vacation Care! Last Wheel's Day for the year, as we don't hold this one in summer. Don't miss out! This day fills fast!
<b>THURS 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER INCURSION.</b>	<b>MEDIEVAL DAY. FITKIDS Archery</b> Children will go back in time to learn the skills of archery & the correct way to shoot arrows. Followed by an afternoon of medieval creature craft.
<b>FRI 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>MISSION IMPOSSIBLE-</b> A fun packed day were the children will develop their spatial awareness through games and activities that inspire their imagination.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The program is subject to change without notice if it is deemed to be in the best interests of the children or there are insufficient bookings for an excursion.



# booking form

DATE & ACTIVITY	FULL NAME CHILD NO 1	FULL NAME CHILD NO 2	FULL NAME CHILD NO 3
MON 28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT. GARDEN GURUS DAY			
TUES 29 <sup>th</sup> SEPT. TENNIS <b>Excursion</b>			
WED 30 <sup>th</sup> SEPT. HARRY POTTER DAY			
THU 1 <sup>st</sup> OCT. KINCUMBA MOUNTAIN <b>Excursion</b>			
FRI 2 <sup>nd</sup> OCT. WORLD SCIENCE DAY <b>Incursion</b>			
TUE 6 <sup>th</sup> OCT. ARTIST for a Day			
WED 7 <sup>th</sup> OCT. WHEELS DAY <b>BYO Wheels</b>			
THURS 8 <sup>th</sup> OCT MEDIEVAL DAY <b>Archery Incursion</b>			
FRI 9 <sup>th</sup> OCT. MISSION IMPOSSIBLE			

- I agree to photographs being taken for publicity purposes
- I agree to the emergency administration of first aid and to transportation by ambulance to hospital if deemed necessary
- By signing this booking form I acknowledge that I understand the terms and conditions relating to bookings, attendance and payment of accounts.

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Parent Name

Email Address

Contact Phone Number

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Signature

Date



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