

Important Dates

- Programs are available 4 weeks before each school holiday care period
- Bookings commence 3 weeks before each school holiday care period

Program Dates 2023

Period	Start	Finish
School Holidays	3 July 2023	14 July 2023
School Holidays	25 September 2023	6 October 2023
School Holidays	18 December 2023	22 December 2023
Shutdown (closed)	TBA	TBA

School Development Days (*subject to change by schools*)

Priority of Booking Requests

When bookings open, the service will assess all applications received for first round offers. The following are prioritised:

- A child at risk of serious abuse
- Current family using the service or new family
- Sibling of a child attending the service
- A child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy the work/training/study test
- Any other child

Within these main categories priority will be given to the following children:

- Children in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families;
- Children in families which include a disabled person;
- Children in families on low incomes;
- Children in families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- Children in socially isolated families;
- Children of single parents.



School Holiday Care Program

Service Provider Number: PR- 00003983

Contact the OSHC Administrator at
oshcadmin@innerwest.nsw.gov.au
for booking forms, enrolment and booking inquiries.

Bookings commence three weeks before
each school holiday care period.

Ferncourt School Holiday Care

T: 9392 5602 / 0412 862 089

Located at Ferncourt Primary School, Premier Street, Marrickville

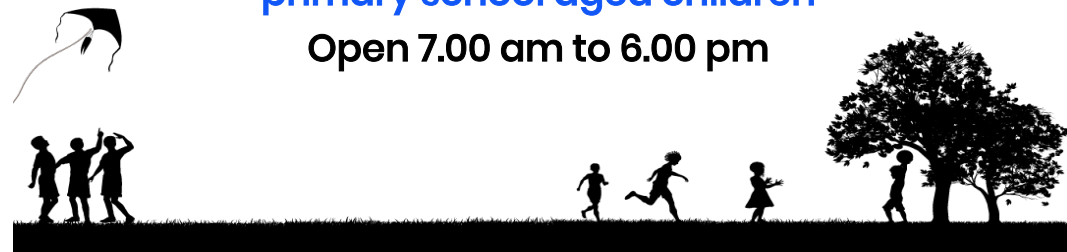
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www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/children

N.B Centre mobiles are used on excursions only

Fun, supervised care for
primary school aged children

Open 7.00 am to 6.00 pm



School Holiday Care – Information Sheet

Policies and Procedures

This is a fact sheet providing an overview of current protocols and procedures. A comprehensive policy and procedure manual is available at the Centre.

Staff

The School Holiday Care Co-Ordinator is the Nominated Supervisor and Educational Leader of the Service. Educators are employed because of their experience in education and care and participate in ongoing training. At the parent sign-in area, a staff notice board is on display providing details of who is in charge between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm each day. Please refer to this notice board for more information.

Fees

A copy of the current fee schedule is on display at the Centre and on our web page. To obtain more information about Child Care Subsidy, please visit:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>

Signing in/out

It is a requirement of enrolment and funding to sign children in/out of the centre each morning and afternoon they attend the Centre, including school holiday care. Children are not permitted to sign themselves in or out of care.

Please use the Hub Hello QR code at the entry of the service.

Hand sanitiser is available, please ensure your child uses it when they arrive.

Bookings and Accounts

Booking and excursion forms must be completed.

All Child Care Subsidy payments received will be applied to the account.

Accounts will be issued each week.

Absentees and Cancellations

All absentee days are payable. Changing or cancelling days booked requires 2 weeks written notice made directly to the Centre. Staff are unable to accept verbal requests to change attendances.

Food and Drinks

Breakfast is not provided during school holidays.

Families must provide a nutritional and prepared morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch for your child. If your food requires refrigeration please see staff.

Staff will not be able to leave the Centre to purchase food for your child.

Water is available at all times for children.

Health Conditions

Centres have children attending that have life threatening allergies. Do not send food for your child containing peanuts or nut products.

Children Requiring Additional Support

The Centre Co-Ordinator will work with the family to ensure a smooth transition into the service and where required apply for funding to provide additional support.

Clothing/Sun Protection

Hats – 'NO HAT, NO SUN PLAY' policy. Whilst outdoors, everyone must wear a hat. Hats must meet the Cancer Council's recommendations; a full brim hat.

Sunscreen – Please apply sunscreen prior to signing your child in. Throughout the session sunscreen will be applied in accordance with our Sun Safe Policy. 30+ Sunscreen is available at all services. If your child has an allergy / sensitivity to sunscreen, please supply a suitable sunscreen for them to wear and inform staff.

Clothing – Clothing should be loose-fitting, and cover as much of the skin as possible (no singlet's, mid-drift tops, open-back tops, short shorts or thongs).

Ensure your child wears old, comfortable clothing, having fun can be messy business.

Electronic Devices

Mobile phones, tablets and cameras are not permitted.

Excursions

Parents and carers can contact staff when on an excursion by calling the Centre mobile.

A risk assessment for excursions is always conducted.

On excursion days children need to be at the centre 15 minutes before the time on the program.

Items Required for Excursions

- Packed lunch for the whole day
- Water
- A full brimmed hat
- A back pack
- Closed in shoes & clothing that meet the sun protection requirements

Programming and Evaluation

During each school holiday care period, children are asked to provide ideas and comments for the current and next school holiday care program.

Evaluations/feedback can be forwarded to the Centre Co-Ordinator via email. Centres will use the information to program for the next school holiday care period.

We need comments back by week 3 of each term so we can plan for the next school holidays.

Prescribed Bodies and Exchange of Information

A *prescribed body* is an agency or organisation that has responsibility for the provision of services to children.

Information about a child or a family, including details on this enrolment form, may be shared with other prescribed bodies without consent of the parent/guardian where the service has concerns about the safety, welfare or wellbeing of a child. More information about this requirement can be located from the Policy and Procedure manual.

Communication and Feedback

Please feel free to discuss any aspects of the program with the Co-Ordinator. If you have any issues that are unable to be resolved at this level, please contact the Operations Manager on 9335 2144. A detailed complaints procedure is on display and in the procedure manual at the Centre.