

ESSEX HEIGHTS P.S.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

"All Essex Heights Childcare Programs will provide a safe, enjoyable, hygienic and caring environment that meets the needs and expectations of the parents and children."



OVERVIEW

The Essex Heights Primary School OSHC Program acknowledges the importance of play and leisure in children's learning and development. Educators, parents and children collaborate to ensure that the program provides situations that are meaningful to the children and support their well being, development and learning.

The program uses the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development endorsed learning document *"My Time, Our Place, A Framework For School Aged Care in Australia"* to guide program planning.

This document deals with five learning outcomes which are essential to the holistic development of a child and are designed to capture the development and learning for all children.

These are:

1. Children have a strong sense of identity
2. Children are connected and contribute to the world
3. Children have a strong sense of well being
4. Children are confident and involved learners
5. Children are effective communicators.

Through a wide variety of activities our program draws on a rich repertoire of practises which promote and stimulate children's learning

These are:

- Holistic approach to a child's development
- Collaborating with children
- Planning and implementing play and leisure activities
- Acting with intentionality
- Creating physical and social school age care environments that have a positive impact on children's development well being and community building
- Valuing the cultural and social contexts of children and their families
- Providing for continuity in experiences and enabling children to have a successful transition
- Reflecting and evaluating children's well being and learning which is documented to help and support children.



**We aim to provide a safe, stimulating
and diverse program that is driven by
The Essex Heights community.**



WHY ESSEX HEIGHTS OSHC IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF CHILDCARE

- Bookings are not essential for Before or After care.
- We provide Childcare Rebates and Childcare Benefits.
- The program is in close consultation with State and Federal Agencies that oversee Childcare standards and regulations.
- We have successfully completed our compliance audit and received a rating of 'EXCEEDING' from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. This is the second highest rating available
- A Federal Government approved Childcare program
- The program has several qualified staff/staff undertaking study in the teaching/childcare field
- Staff are retained to provide familiarity to children and parents
- High staff to student ratios 1 : 15
- Program located on school grounds.
- The program is overseen by the School Council and Principal



Cost

- **Before Care = \$15.00 per session**
- **After Care = \$19.00 per session**
- **Vacation Care = \$50.00 per session**
- Fee reductions can only be provided if the correct paper work has been completed and processed by Centrelink.



Operating Times

Before Care: 7.00 AM – 9.00 AM

After Care: 3.30 PM – 6.00 PM

Vacation Care: 7.00 AM – 6.00 PM

