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Each day outside school hours, we provide a safe and supportive space for children to play, connect, learn and thrive.
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What is OSHC?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. An OSHC service provides education and care for primary school-age children (generally aged 5 to 12 years) outside school hours and during school holidays. Depending on your school, it can cover Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

Why would OSHC suit your family?

At Camp Australia, our vision is ‘to support all families in achieving their dreams’. We're here to support families and there are many ways we're doing it.

We offer the peace of mind to families by providing education and care service outside school hours. Families can then manage their work, training, study or other types of responsibilities stress free knowing that their children are looked after during these hours.

At OSHC, children have the opportunity to interact with friends, learn like skills, practice their social skills, feel happy and relaxed, all in a multi-age environment. We offer a safe space where children want to be present and where you are happy for them to be.

Our unique approach to programming

As the most experienced OSHC provider, we have become experts in developing extra-curricular learning outcomes for children. Enrichment, sport and activities are part of our unique programming approach which is customised for your children.

All these activities have carefully designed learning outcomes, aligned with the My Time, Our Place- Framework for School Age Care in Australia developed by The Council of Australian Government. They are tailored to the individual needs and interests of each child who attend. A week in After School Care could have children create their own magnifying glass and binoculars or make their own compost bins from recyclable materials, learning all about sustainability and how to leave the world for future generations along the way. Or Children could be cooking dishes from around the world or setting up an indoor campfire and share stories about themselves and learn about each other, while building their sense of identity.

Every OSHC session also offers children the choice between different zones should they not want to participate in the proposed activities: Sports, Construction, Art and Craft, Homework, Mindfulness, Games, the options are there.

In summary, while each day is different and offers a varied range of fun and engaging activities, we believe that there are three ingredients for a great program:

1. Creating a welcoming space for the children. We make sure that our OSHC rooms are tidy and organised with an atmosphere that encourages children to learn and have fun.
2. Conducting an engaging program where every child can learn new things and foster new friendships.
3. Having a great team of qualified Educators who are part of the school community.

Meals that nourish

We know good food is a necessity for growing minds and bodies, so our care always includes nourishment.

Our healthy eating program operates every service, every day. We focus on fresh produce and use at least 75% of the weekly food budget for seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables.

Outside of that your child’s needs determine our ingredients, whether they’re dietary, cultural or religious needs. We just ask that you let us know when you register.

Our Before School Care programs offer a selection of:

- Healthy cereal, oats and milk
- Seasonal fresh fruits
- Wholemeal toast with a variety of toppings such as baked beans, spaghetti, honey or vegemite
- Fresh water and milk

At After School Care, our meal plans change all the time. But to give you a taste:

- Seasonal fruit and vegetable platters
- Homemade hummus and rice crackers
- Salad sandwiches on wholemeal bread
- Popcorn
- Homemade banana bread

All weekly menus meet the Australian Dietary Guidelines. We’ve even developed our own cookbook so we can cater for the range of different cooking facilities available at different services. Our cookbook contains around 80 delicious and easy to prepare savoury, sweet and no bake recipes from around the world for our staff to deliver a variety of menu where the school facilities allow.

Holiday Club

School holidays see the educational fun of OSHC transform into the extraordinary experiences of Holiday Club. For the children, the holidays are about fun, adventure and exploration; and that’s what they get at Holiday Club. Plus, all our activities have carefully designed learning outcomes, that’ll leave them feeling energised and stimulated.

Our program is designed around family feedback through our end of season surveys, live feedback within the services and our child feedback app, developed exclusively by Camp Australia. It’s centred around ensuring that we are providing a fun, engaging, diverse and educational program.

We have three uniquely different types of days that happen at Holiday Club:

- Incursion activities
- Excursions

- Club Based Days

Club Based Days are unique days programmed by our Coordinators tailored to the individual children in every service. They could be doing science experiments, cooking, making arts & crafts, playing group games and heaps more.

Incursion activities

Incursions are days in which a special activity is run at the program location. This could include a project, such as building a kite, or an activity provider visit, such as a yoga or sports clinic.

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Excursions with Holiday Club are outside activities where we leave the program to visit an exciting location. This could be to see a movie, learn new things at the museum or get active at a trampoline park.

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**Registration is FREE!**

To attend our care, families must register their child.

Why? Registering your child means we have all the information we need to safely care for them. So, we recommend all families to register an account with us. That way, if you ever need us, you just have to book a session, as we already have all the documentation we need from you.

To register, visit www.campaustralia.com.au. When starting your registration process, please consider:

- Do you have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) from the Department of Human Services?
- Does your child have any medical certificates/documents?
- Medical information - do you have details of your family doctor?
- Do you have any Court Order Documents?
- Have your payment details at hand

But don’t worry, you can always resume your saved registration at a time that suits you.

**We recommend to always book in advance.**

To secure your children’s spot, we encourage that you make your bookings in advance. As we operate a childcare service governed by the Education and Care National Law and Regulations, we can only operate our services within Educator to child ratios and licensed space. The more notice we have on bookings, the better able we are to staff the service to meet your needs.

It is easy to make and manage your bookings 24/7 through our parent portal. Simply log onto pp.campaustralia.com.au.

Alternatively, you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – Except National Public Holidays.

**Fees and Times**

To find out about the fees and operating hours at your service, please visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au and search for your school.

**Child Care Subsidy**

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy? We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine whether you’re eligible. Your eligibility for the subsidy is determined by:

- Your family’s annual adjusted taxable income
- An activity test
- The type of childcare service

To find out if you are eligible, simply log into MyGov and complete your Child Care Subsidy Assessment.

**Holiday Club continued**

One of the benefits of being a Camp Australia customer is that you can access any of our Holiday Club locations Australia-wide. Your child does not need to attend a particular school to attend any of our Holiday Club sessions. Maybe they have friends going to a different Holiday Club, perhaps they just like the program better or you could require a service that is closer to work – you can book them in at any of our Holiday Clubs.

If you want to know more about Holiday Club through our in-school OSHC service, speak to the Coordinator who will be happy to take you through the detailed program for next season and answer any questions you may have.

You can also visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs to search for your local Holiday Club programs and find out more.

**Important Information**

If your child is starting their first year of school in 2020, good news is they are still able to attend our Summer Holiday Club program. They will be able to take part in any excursions or Club Based Days but will not be able to go on any excursions until the 1st of January 2020.

If your child has started school in 2019 or earlier, they are able to attend any of our Holiday programs regardless of their age (as long as they are in Primary School).