



# WHAT IS OSHC?? (OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE)



Welcome to the Loxton District Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program. We believe you and your children will enjoy the benefits of using our program. You can relax knowing that your children are being cared for by qualified educators in a fun environment. OSHC caters for children school aged and children who are transitioning to school.

## ABOUT OUR OSHC PROGRAM

The Program is open Before/After School, for Early Dismissals, on Pupil Free Days and Vacation Care.

## ENROLLING YOUR CHILD/REN

An enrolment form must be completed by all parents/caregivers wishing to use the program. For safety reasons, unless these forms have been completed, children will not be accepted into care. Enrolment forms are available from the OSHC house or Woodleigh.

## CHILD CARE REBATE

The Commonwealth Government offers assistance to reduce the cost of care for all families. Please contact the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50, so that your eligibility for the CCR can be assessed. Generally the application can be made over the phone or, an application form may be required. This form is available from the Family Assistance Office. We require notification of your CCR percentage, from the Family Assistance Office, before we can provide your fee reduction.

## SESSION TIMES AND COSTS

Care Sessions must be pre-booked.

Before School Care: 7.15am – 8.45am **\$16.00**

After School Care: 3.15pm – 6.15pm **\$27.00**

Vacation Care/ Pupil free day: 7.15am – 6.15pm **full day \$57.00**

Mon – Fri except Public Holidays **half day \$35.00**

(these are all full prices and may change depending on your rebate. **PLEASE NOTE** the more children you have in care the cheaper it will be. i.e. you can have a child attend Woodleigh if they are not old enough and one attend OSHC)

## AIMS

The OSHC program aims to provide the highest quality recreational care for school children in a warm, comfortable environment while their parents work, study or have respite time.

## OBJECTIVES

To support the philosophy, we, the OSHC Sub-committee on behalf of the Loxton District Children’s Centre Management Committee will ensure that the OSHC Program:

1. is caring, stimulating and safe by providing
  - appropriate supervision
  - relaxing and comfortable surroundings
  - a range of stimulating, relaxing, alternative activities for children
  - excellent facilities and equipment, which will be continually improved to meet changing requirements.
2. encourages communication and social interactions by
  - promoting group activities while recognizing individual needs
  - encouraging responsible and caring behaviour
  - encouraging children to listen and respect the opinions and feelings of others
  - encourage children to respect the values and cultural differences of others.
3. is affordable, accessible and addresses the needs of all families in the community
  - encourages all parents/caregivers to participate
  - respecting all families rights to have their opinions heard
  - endeavouring to make responsible decisions about income, expenditure and quality
  - being accountable and open in all management, financial and administrative matters.
4. employs appropriately qualified and skilled Educators who also
  - are caring and supportive in their interactions with children and families
  - develop exciting and stimulating age appropriate activities
  - continually develop their professional skills.

For Further information please contact Haylee Symens, Director on 0421154502 or Woodleigh 85846501

