



# 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 been completed, children will not be accepted into care. Enrolment forms are available from the OSHC house or Woodleigh.

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is a payment made by the Australian Government to help families with the cost of quality child care and early education. It is the responsibility of parents to register for childcare subsidy. This can be done by contacting Centrelink either in person, by phone on 136150 or by accessing their mygov account at [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au)

## SESSION TIMES AND COSTS

### Care Sessions must be pre-booked.

Before School Care: 7.15am – 8.45am **20.00**

After School Care: 3.15pm – 6.15pm **\$31**

Vacation Care/ Pupil free day: 7.15am – 6.15pm **full day \$61**

Mon – Fri except Public Holidays **half day \$38.00**

(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 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.