



**Information Sheet - Middle Childhood Educational Program**

**Our Educational Philosophy**

Campbelltown City Council's Outside School Hours Care services aim to provide children with a high quality recreational program in a safe and relaxing learning environment. These programs are developed by qualified educators and are reflective of current theories and research regarding children's learning and development.

A number of key professional and legislative documents also guide our daily curriculum and teaching practices. These are:

- The Education and Care Services National Regulations, Education and Care Services National Law and National Quality Standards,
- My Time Our Place; The Framework for School Age Care (FSAC) in Australia and the National Standards for Outside School Hours Care.

**Qualifications and Educators**

Our educator's qualifications include:

- Bachelor of Teaching and/or Bachelor of Education,
- Diploma in Outside School Hours Care and/or Children's Services,
- Certificate IV in Outside School Hours Care and Certificate III in Children's Services.

Each service has a designated 'Educational Leader' – a suitably qualified and experienced educator who leads the development and implementation of recreational programs in the service.

**Learning and Development**

Our educators engage in professional learning and development on an ongoing basis. This ensures that educators build on their knowledge and skills helping to improve their teaching practices.

**Recreational Programming**

Our programming planning and documentation includes:

**Reflective Diary**

Educators document group observations of children's learning on a daily basis using a reflective diary. Within this reflective diary educators record information about one or two of the day's major activities. Families are encouraged to contribute to the daily reflections through discussions with children and educators while they are at the service.

**Project Work**

The educators and children regularly work on projects within the services. Project work is an in depth, ongoing investigation of a particular interest among a group of children. Project documentation is recorded as the project progresses and is often displayed throughout the service or recorded in project folders.

**Indoor and Outdoor Learning Spaces**

Our services offer an indoor/outdoor learning program that is available to children throughout the day. These learning programs offer a balance of choice between active and passive leisure experiences. Learning spaces are established throughout the indoor and outdoor learning environment appealing to the current strengths, needs and interests of the children.

## **Family and Community Involvement**

Families, schools and local communities contribute to the opportunities provided for school age children. 'Children feel positive when there are strong links between these settings and outcomes are most likely to be achieved when educators work in partnership with these contributors' (FSAC, p 10). Education and Care Services values and nurtures these partnerships with families and the community. Partnerships with the service may include exchanging information about your child/ren on a daily basis, or providing information that contributes to the development of the children's program and participating in service open days, community events and celebrations.

**For all Long Day Care, Outside School Hours Care, Family Day Care and School Holiday Care please call 4645 4443.**

### **Long Day Care**

#### **Centre Location Opening Hours**

Amarina Early Learning Centre, Airds 7.00am – 6.00pm  
Amber Cottage Early Learning Centre, Ambarvale 7.00am – 6.00pm  
Eagles Nest Early Learning Centre, Eschol Park 7.00am – 6.00pm  
Kabbarli Early Learning Centre, Minto 7.00am – 6.00pm  
Minto Early Learning Centre, Minto 7.00am – 6.00pm  
Nanut Early Learning Centre, Campbelltown 7.00am – 6.00pm  
Waratah Cottage Early Learning Centre, Claymore 7.00am – 6.00pm  
Wombat Willows Early Learning Centre, Macquarie Fields 7.00am – 6.00pm

#### **Outside School Hours Care**

Before School Care 6.30am – 9.00am  
After School Care 2.30pm – 6.30pm  
Campbelltown City Outside School Hours Care, Campbelltown  
Raby Outside School Hours Care, Raby

#### **School Holiday Care**

**School holidays only** 6.30am – 6.30pm  
Campbelltown City Outside School Hours Care, Campbelltown  
Raby Outside School Hours Care, Raby