

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

JULY 2025

St Patrick's OSHC, Asquith

Hours: 7:00am – 6.00pm

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BOOKINGS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Our vacation care service operates between **7.00am - 6.00pm** for children up to 12 years old who are currently enrolled in primary school.

We are licensed to enrol **90** children per day and are always required as per regulations to maintain the approved staff to child ratio.

We are excited to share with you our vacation care program. We have planned our vacation care program to offer children the time to relax and have fun with their friends, especially since they may have spent some time separated from them.

Risk assessments have been completed for our vacation care program including any outside providers. We welcome families to request these from your service supervisor for your review.

The vacation care program has been planned thoughtfully, with fun in mind and feedback from children and parents.

STAFF

Educators are employed because of their experience and knowledge in childcare and all educators are involved in ongoing training. At parent sign in area, you will find the details of which educator is in charge between the hours of **7.00am - 6.00pm**.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CHILDCARE SUBSIDY (CCS) DURING VACATION CARE?

We are approved to process your Childcare Subsidy payments from the federal government. However, we are not in control of how much subsidy is paid by the government to each family. If you have questions about Childcare Subsidy please contact Services Australia on 136 150.

You must have a formalised account with the centre to receive your fee reduction.

The package helps parents with children aged 0 – 13 work, train, study, and volunteer. It will be paid directly to services. You will need to complete a Centrelink Childcare Subsidy if you have not already. You can complete your assessment through [MyGov](#) using your Centrelink online account or via the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app. In order to receive your Childcare Subsidy it is essential that your child/children attend their first and last booked session with the service or you will be required to pay full fees for the absent day.

HOW DO I MAKE A BOOKING?

Please complete the booking form. If booking for the first time, you will need to also complete an enrolment form.

<https://spoa.hubworks.com.au/>

WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES?

Incentre cost is **\$67.50 per day**, additional costs depending on the incursion or excursion will be reflected in the program.

Excursion – this activity involves travelling on a bus fitted with seat belts.

External provider – we have a provider that comes out to the service, and they run activities or experiences.

Internal provider – resources are purchased specifically for the experience planned for the day.

Centre Day – experiences are planned using resources available at the service with no additional cost to families.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EXCURSIONS?

Excursions are planned and focus on the interests of children enrolled at the service. Risk assessments are completed by the coordinator in consultation with Catholic Care to ensure that the safety of all children is always maintained. Excursions are staffed at a staff to child ratio of 1:10, however this ratio may change dependant on the planned excursion or activity.

Information pertaining to excursions will be provided on the permission forms and parents/carers are welcomed and encouraged to read the supervision and risk assessments completed by the service. Some excursion venues may require parents to sign a waiver which cannot be completed by the service. These waivers must be returned to the service along with all other vacation care documentation.

MEALS

Families are to provide food for their children enrolled in the vacation care program unless otherwise specified in the program. Please do not send any food that requires heating as we do not have the facilities to do so (We are not permitted to reheat food due to regulations).

Due to the severity of some children's allergies, we are nut and egg aware. Please do not send any food with nuts or egg.

If your child has allergy or dietary restrictions, please make an appointment to discuss with staff prior to vacation care.

This will assist us in understanding the needs of your child and supporting them whilst they are in our care.

PROGRAMMING & EVALUATION

During each school holiday period children are asked to provide ideas and comments for the current and next school holiday program. We encourage families to share information about their child's interest so we can incorporate this within the program. Evaluations can be found in our daily evaluation located on the sign on desk.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR & SUN SAFETY INFORMATION?

Please make sure to clearly label all items of clothing. It is important to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and the daily activities.

St Patricks OSHC, Asquith implements Catholiccare's Sun Protection Policy which is endorsed by the Cancer Counsel. Our Practice Guidelines require us to ensure children are using shade during play outdoors wearing sun safe clothing and hats. Application of sunscreen every 2 hours and avoiding outdoor play during peak UV times. Singlets are not sun safe clothing. Children must also wear sensible shoes for walking and playing (i.e. enclosed shoes or strap-on sandals) and bring a jumper or a jacket and drink bottle each day. Thongs and slip-on style shoes are not permitted unless otherwise informed by the service.

Educators will ensure that sunscreen is applied throughout the day. If you prefer that your child, use a different sunscreen to the one provided by CatholicCare please ensure they have it in their bag and educators will remind them to apply it.

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS MEDICATION?

Prescription medication can only be administered by educators with written permission from the parent/guardian. This is actioned by completed a medication form available at the OSHC service.

Medication must be handed to an educator in its original packaging with the prescribed dosage information and use-by date. Non-prescription medication cannot be administered by educators, as per CatholicCare policy.

For further information, please see the Centre Coordinator.

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WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAYS!



**FRIDAY
4 JULY**

PREHISTORIC PROBLEM

Do we have Dinosaurs to dig up today? I think we do! Today will be all about prehistoric animals, the life they lived and what the earth was like millions of years ago. We need your help to find all the dinosaurs in the school so come today!

Start: 9.00am

**\$ INCENTRE
\$67.50**

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MONDAY
7 JULY

CREATIVE MADNESS

Bring your imaginations for our CREATIVE MADNESS Day. Our much-loved craft day has become a huge hit, and we will be enjoying letting our imaginations fly. Melting crayons on a canvas, hama bead bowls, and pom pom poppers! You will walk away with more than what you brought today!

Start: 9.00am

\$ INCENTRE
\$67.50



TUESDAY
8 JULY

SCALES & TAILS

Let's welcome Walkabout Reptiles to our service today. They are going to be showing us some amazing animals. If you want to see snakes, frogs, lizards, turtles and even a crocodile then come down and see how close you can get.

Start: 9.00am

\$ EXTERNAL PROVIDER
\$85.00



WEDNESDAY
9 JULY

CATCH, KICK, RUN!

Join us on our very first excursion as we head to Mills Park. Courtesy of the Hornsby RSL Club, we can use the same sports equipment that the educators use to train for soccer! Come and train like a pro. A handball comp, running races, tug of war, and lots of sport will be on today.

Depart: 10.00am
Return: 2.00pm

\$ EXCURSION
\$101.00



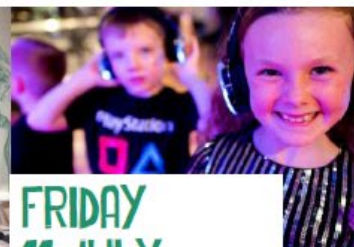
THURSDAY
10 JULY

LET'S EXPERIMENT

Do you like slime? Do you want to see things EXPLODE! This is the day for you as we delve into science and do some wacky experiments. Come and learn how everything works and to help us research the secrets of the universe!

Start: 9.00am

\$ INTERNAL PROVIDER
\$78.00



FRIDAY
11 JULY

SILENT BEATS

In this disco, no one can hear you dance! We will be having the greatest disco day ever. Come and see who has the best moves as we party and dance our little hearts out!

Start: 9.00am

\$ INTERNAL PROVIDER
\$78.00

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 MONDAY 14 JULY	 TUESDAY 15 JULY	 WEDNESDAY 16 JULY	 THURSDAY 17 JULY	 FRIDAY 18 JULY
OSHC CULTURE DAY: SPANISH	BOUNCE & BALANCE	LITTLE NINJAS	WINTER WONDERLAND	NATURES HELPER
<p>Hola! Come and join us as we embark on a cultural adventure! We will be delving into Spanish culture these school holidays. Join us from cooking to craft to games! We will be learning some wonderful things that some of our own children get to enjoy daily.</p>	<p>Another excursion! Bring your travel bag because we will be getting a bus to Icon Gymsports! There will be trampolines, gymnastics, and a balance beam. Come and see what you can do!</p>	<p>Have you ever wanted to master your strength? Martin from the Institute of Modern Tae Kwon Do is here to show us how and to teach us some ninja moves. A fun, safe way to explore our strength and learn the ways of the ninja.</p>	<p>Let's embrace the cold and make some winter fun! You can wear your pyjamas and bring your pillow for our OSHC pillow fight. Movies, popcorn, juice, snow making and ice cream making are all on the menu! It will be cold outside but warm here at St Pat's vac care!</p>	<p>We are here to make a difference today as we explore the natural side of life! We will be getting in touch with nature as we hunt for insects, start our compost and paper recycling bins, and look at getting our very own garden bed.</p>
Start: 9.00am	Depart: 9:15am Return: 3:00pm	Start: 9.00am	Start: 9.00am	Start: 9.00am
\$ INTERNAL PROVIDER \$78.00	\$ EXCURSION \$101.00	\$ EXTERNAL PROVIDER \$85.00	\$ INTERNAL PROVIDER \$78.00	\$ INTERNAL PROVIDER \$78.00

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MONDAY
21 JULY

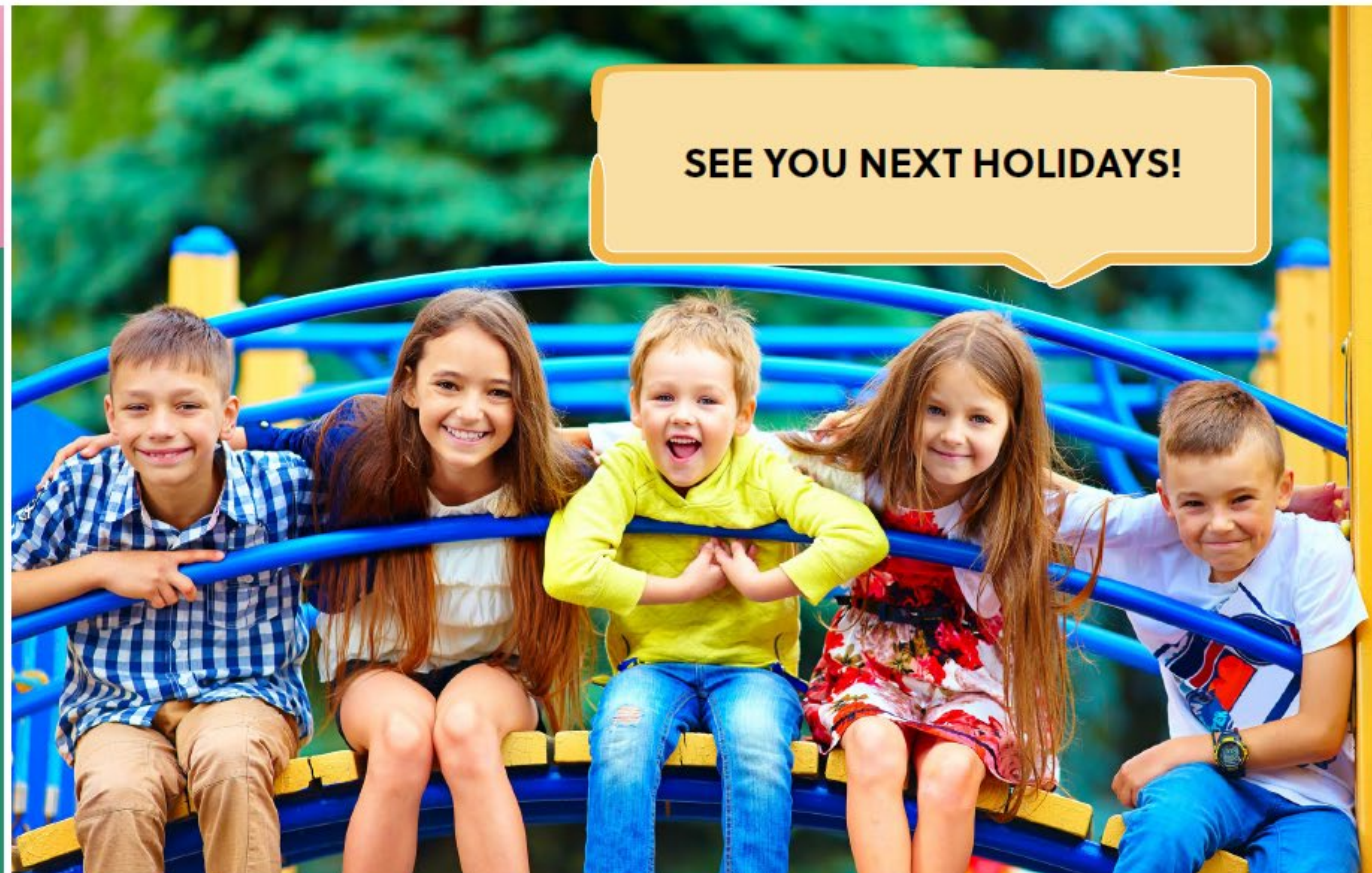
BAKE-A-PALOOZA

We have had a lot of requests from our little chefs so let's cook! More baking, more cooking, more things to taste and try. Everything we cook, we will eat on the day! Let's add to our recipe book and cook up some fun memories!

Start: 9.00am

\$ INTERNAL PROVIDER
\$78.00

SEE YOU NEXT HOLIDAYS!



JULY 2025 Vacation Care BOOKING FORM – ST. PATRICK'S ASQUITH

A risk assessment of all excursions is carried out and a printout is available at the service. I _____ give permission for my child/ren

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

To participate in the following activities, under the supervision of the staff at St Patricks OSHC, Asquith. I have read and understood and agree to abide by the conditions set out in the information sheet. I understand that any offsite transportation will be on a coach fitted with seat belts from St Patricks OSHC, Asquith. I understand that my child/ren must be at the centre by the requested time. I will allow staff to take photographs of my child/ren for the purposes of programming and display within the centre only.

* Please understand that booked outings and scheduled activities may be cancelled or substituted dependant on weather or extenuating circumstance that impact the safety, health and wellbeing of the children.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Date	Tick if attending	Activity	Location	Cost	Method of Travel	Departing	Returning Times are approx..	No. children Approx.	Staff: Child Ratio	No. Staff Attending	Responsible Person on Duty
Friday 4 th July		Prehistoric Problem	Centre	\$67.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Monday 7 th July		Creative Madness	Centre	\$67.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Tuesday 8 th July		Scales & Tails	Centre	\$85	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Wednesday 9 th July		Catch, Kick, Run	Chelmsford Road 2, Asquith New South Wales 2077	\$101	Walking	10:00am	2:00pm	40	1:10	4 – 5	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Thursday 10 th July		Let's Experiment	Centre	\$78	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Friday 11 th July		Silent Beats	Centre	\$78	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Monday 14 th July		Fiesta	Centre	\$78	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Tuesday 15 th July		Bounce & Balance	19-21 LEIGHTON PLACE, HORNSBY New South Wales 2077	\$101	Private Bus	9:15am	3:00pm	40	1:10	4 – 5	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Wednesday 16 th July		Little Ninjas	Centre	\$85	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Thursday 17 th July		Winter Wonderland	Centre	\$78	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Friday 18 th July		Natures Helpers	Centre	\$78	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny
Monday 21 st July		Bake-A-Palooza	Centre	\$78	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	1:15	3 – 4	Keelan / Zoltan / Gabi / Eveny