# Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Child Care Subsidy is available to most families. To register and find out more call Centrelink on 136 150.

### **Fee Payment Policy**

Permanently booked positions are to be paid for the days for which the child is enrolled whether the child attends or not, except for public holidays and Department of Education gazetted school holiday periods.

Fees are to be maintained at 2 weeks in advance at all times. If fees are not maintained, care may be cancelled. Any reduction in days permanently booked requires 14 days notice.

The preferred payment method is by direct debit. You may contact the administration office and pay over the phone with a credit card or alternatively EFTPOS facilities are available at our Administration Office.

All account enquiries are to be directed to our Administration staff during office hours.

Parents must notify the centre and speak to an Educator/ administration officer, or leave a message on the Centre phone if their child is not attending on his/her regular day. A fee (as per Council schedule) will be charged for failure to notify, in advance of a child's planned absence for an afternoon session.

#### **Activities**

The program includes art, craft, indoor and outdoor games, sport, drama, music, cooking and reading.

Healthy snacks are provided for afternoon tea. Breakfast is available for children arriving before 8am.

#### To contact us

Administration Office Monday to Friday 9am to 4:30pm 57-59 Port Stephens Street, Raymond Terrace thrivekids@portstephens.nsw.gov.au 02 4988 0308

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Port Stephens Children's Services Boomerang Park Cnr William St & Irrawang St

**Administration** 

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#### **Attendance**

Fees as per the current Port Stephens Council Fee Schedule.

Raymond Terrace OOSH caters for children from Kindergarten to Year 6 on a full-time or casual basis as positions are available.

The service provides up to 55 positions at each session.

Care is also available on some Pupil Free days.

Morning session 7 to 9am Afternoon session 3 to 6pm

#### **Vacation Care**

Operates during most weeks of the NSW Public School Holiday Period from 7am to 6pm daily. The educational program may include special lunches, craft and game workshops, exciting guests, incursions, excursions, indoor and outdoor play, craft, and much more.

To secure positions, you must book the days you require.



## **Transport**

Children attending Before School Care from schools other than St Brigid's Primary School travel to school by bus. The children are supervised to the William St bus stop by our Educators. St Brigid's students are supervised to their school entrance at 8:30am.

For After School Care, the Educators walk to St Brigid's and greet the children at afternoon assembly under the Cola. Children from Raymond Terrace Public School are collected from their bus on Irrawang street at the St Brigid's school bus stop.

Grahamstown and Irrawang Public School children board buses outside their schools and are dropped off at the bus stop on Irrawang St in front of the Senior Citizens & Community Hall. Educators supervise the children when walking from the bus stop to the centre. The service is only responsible for your children whilst in our care. The responsibility for conveying your child/ren to and from the centre remains with you.

#### **Educators**

Experienced and trained Educators will be responsible for the care of your children through preparation and implementation of a daily program of activities.

Permanent Educators are qualified in First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis. Educators at the centre are supported and supervised by a qualified and experienced Outside School Hours Coordinator as well as Council's Childcare Coordinator.

#### **Guidelines**

To ensure our centre is a happy and safe environment for all children and Educators we have some important guidelines.

Children and Educators develop these guidelines together. They cover the areas of safety precautions, individual rights, respect for others, teamwork and expectations.

Educators will provide parents with regular feedback about their child's wellbeing. Parents are welcome at the centre at any time. Parents may contribute to planning for the centre by contacting the service though our communication platforms.

All policies are available at the centre.

Centre policies and procedures are guided by the requirements of the



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