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**Thanks for taking
an interest in our
centre**



INTRODUCTION

We are a 20 place long day care centre providing a warm, caring and positive environment for children aged from 15 months to school age.

Community Childcare is open from 8.00am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. The centre is open for forty-eight weeks per year, closing for approximately four weeks over the Christmas/New Year period, and on public holidays.

The Centre is licensed under, and must comply with the Education and Care Services National Regulation (2011). We follow the Early Years Learning Framework and are committed to continuing improvement and self assessment under the National Quality Standards.

VACANCIES / PRIORITY OF ACCESS

Our program is quite unique and is therefore in high demand. This means that we have quite a long waiting list. We recommend that families put their children's names onto our list well in advance.

All places at the service are allocated in accordance with the Australian Government Priority of Access Guidelines and as per position on the waiting list. This priority of access is as follows:

Priority One: A child at risk of serious abuse or neglect.

Priority Two: A child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy the work/training/study test under section 14 of the Family Assistance Act.

Priority Three: Any other child.

Within these main categories, priority should also be given to the following children:

- Families already in attendance at the Service
- Children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds
- Children in families which include a disabled person
- Children in families from lower socio-economic backgrounds
- Children from non-English speaking backgrounds
- Children in socially isolated families
- Children of single parents

Because we are a multi-age service and are required by law to maintain very clear staff: child ratios based upon the ages of the children in care, this will also have bearing on when your child can be accepted.

COMMUNIFY QUEENSLAND

Community Childcare is operated by Community Qld, a non-profit organisation providing a range of services supporting members of the local community in need. Community offers a multitude of services within our community. For more information we direct you to our website - community.org.au

CENTRE INFORMATION

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OUR TEAM

Our team are all qualified in early childhood education and have a lot of experience and knowledge. Our 3 senior staff have been working with young children and their families for a combined total of 50 years!



Front row: Ginko (Assistant), Frances (Assistant), Jo (Educator – Leader)
Back row: Kim (Manager), Tricia (Educator – Leader), Katherine – Support Worker)



FEES

- There is no charge to join our waiting list.
- There is a \$100 non refundable booking fee that is charged upon enrolment.
- Each subsequent February all enrolled families are charged a \$50 resource levy.
- Our current daily childcare fee is \$68.
- Families may be eligible for Childcare Benefit &/or Childcare Rebate and are advised to contact the Family Assistance Office for more information.

THE PROGRAM

Community childcare aims to create a nurturing, caring environment for all children and their families. We provide an environment conducive to play. Play is the way children make sense of their world, and is the natural way they learn. We follow the Early Years Learning Framework.

The program and the environment are carefully arranged so that children have access to a range of resources that challenge to develop new skills or practise recently acquired ones. We believe that children are capable and competent learners and our program focuses on their strengths and interests. Our program is developed and negotiated by the children, families and teachers, allowing the children to feel empowered in their own choices. While our routine is structured it is highly adaptable and flexible.

Our educators document written observations of the children on a regular basis. This allows staff to set individual goals, devise strategies to achieve these goals, keep track of each child's progress, and plan appropriate experiences for further learning and development. Parents are welcome and encouraged to ask for information, offer input and provide feedback.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Your waiting list application will remain active for 12 months. If we have not been able to offer you a position within this period your details will be removed unless we receive further instruction from you. Please notify us if any details change or if you no longer require a position. Generally we will contact you via email or phone.

WHEN WE OFFER YOU A POSITION

When a position becomes available we will contact you with the details. **You will be required to confirm your acceptance the following day.**

We will arrange a time for you to come in for an enrolment meeting, to collect forms and to pay the \$100 booking fee. At this meeting you can ask questions, organise play visits and we chat about your child's orientation and tailor it to meet your family's needs. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions. We look forward to getting to know your family.