

Frequently Asked Questions Before and After School Care



- 1. Do you offer before and after school care?**
Yes, we offer both services.
- 2. What hours are you open?**
6.30am to 6.30pm
- 3. What Schools do you service?**
Maraylya, Cattai, Pitt Town, Oakville and Arndell College
- 4. How do the children get to your Centre?**
In the morning we drive the children to school and in the afternoon we pick them up from their school, always making sure they are safely escorted on and off the grounds.
- 5. How much do you charge?**
\$10 for before school care & \$15 for after school care
- 6. What about government assistance?**
Our Centre is licensed and highly accredited by the NCAC. By contacting the Family Assistance Office and quoting our Customer Reference Number 407 185 690H your rebate entitlement can be calculated.
- 7. Do I need to book?**
Yes, to guarantee a position we advise a booking, however we do have some flexibility.
- 8. Do you offer casual bookings or must I take a permanent position?**
Sometimes parents need their children cared for before or after school on an ad hoc basis. We can usually accommodate these needs however you will need to contact the Centre beforehand to check availability. Casual bookings are also available to parents who have their children booked in on a regular basis but occasionally require extra days.
- 9. What do the children do at your Centre?**
Both morning and afternoon services offer a program designed specifically for school children aged 5-12 years. The program includes a balance of both indoor and outdoor activities, as well as the government accredited Active After School Program which offers the children an opportunity to participate in supervised, structured physical activities.
- 10. Does that program include homework?**
Yes, the children have supervised assistance with a trained carer to help them with their homework.

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11. What other activities are available to the children?

We have a range of indoor and outdoor activities such as board games, table tennis, air hockey, art/craft, ball games, putt putt, golf, cricket and basket ball. We also have computers available for educational purposes.

Our Active After School program is accredited by the Federal government and exposes children to a range of supervised, yet structured, sporting activities and each session is run by a trained coach. The theme of the sessions changes every term, giving children an opportunity to participate in activities they may not otherwise receive. The emphasis is on keeping fit and healthy, and the program has been designed to encourage children to participate in sport and structured physical activity. All equipment is provided and there is no additional cost to parents for their children to participate. It's also a lot of fun!

12. Do the children get anything to eat?

We provide an early afternoon tea as soon as the children arrive, which includes fresh fruit and nutritional snacks, and a late afternoon tea around 4.30pm. Breakfast is available to children in our before school program.

13. How many carers do you have looking after the children?

We have one trained carer for every 15 children which meets the standard requirements for before and after school care.

14. Do the children have their own separate facilities?

Yes. We have a dedicated room specially set up for our before and after school care program. There are also separate washroom facilities . one for boys and one for girls.

15. What is the Grasshopper Club?

At Maraylya Early Learning Centre we believe that learning should be fun. All of the children in our before and after school care program automatically become members of the Grasshopper Club.

This entitles them to participate in the full range of Club activities, which are designed to expose the children to a wide variety of experiences both fun and educational whilst at the centre. The focus of the Grasshopper Club is to balance physical and educational activities for the children, by providing opportunities to participate in programs like the Active After School program.