

Martin Luther Outside School Hours Care

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At Martin Luther Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) we believe that:

- each child is a unique person, created by God and already belonging to a family and cultural group, a neighbourhood and a community
- each family is unique; and its distinctive history and life experiences are foundational to the child's learning and character development
- each child will be and will feel welcomed as an integral member of our OSHC community
- each child will be valued, respected, encouraged and supported to explore activities, equipment, environments and possibilities and to follow their dreams
- each child will be and feel safe and secure, promoting a sense of well-being, self-confidence, adventure, creativity and trust
- each child's voice and opinions will be heard and their ideas and suggestions taken seriously and followed through as, when and how appropriate and possible

At Martin Luther OSHC, we undertake to ensure that:

- children's sense of enjoyment will be fostered as they engage in play and leisure activities
- children are supported to respect one another's being, cultures, ideas, skills and talents
- children are nurtured in a warm and accepting environment, where collaborative partnerships and positive behaviours are valued and practised
- the activities, environments and opportunities provided are complementary to home and school life

At Martin Luther OSHC, we commit to

- building positive relationships with children, their families, the school and the wider community
- working collaboratively with homes and school to ensure that our programs, practice and environments are responsive to the children and their particular interests, needs and aspirations
- engaging in reflective practice to ensure that our daily programs are analysed and evaluated in light of our beliefs
- ensuring that we:
 - model appropriate positive behaviour
 - respect each child and family in our community
 - foster active and informed citizenship for all

A Home Away From Home!