



# TEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PORT NOARLUNGA OSHC/VACATION CARE

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Many schools have an OSHC service, so why should you choose this one?

1. Governing Council at Port Noarlunga Primary is the employing authority of the staff at our Service. They are proactive about ensuring that the Service is run in accordance with the National Quality Framework directed by the Australian Children's Education and Care Authority – ACEQA – and the regulations and laws overseen by the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of SA. We have been assessed as meeting and sometimes exceeding the National Quality Standard in all Quality Areas.
2. The Director of our Service is Robyn Harris and you can contact her on 0405-334-676
3. Our Service is growing in numbers. We have 48 places for After School Care, 48 for Vacation Care and 30 for Before School Care. We are big enough to be able to afford great excursions but still small enough to give that personal touch and know all the children and families in our Service extremely well.
4. The staff, who are called OSHC Educators, are constant, professional and caring. Good relationships are formed between children and OSHC Educators of both sexes and parents and OSHC Educators so you can depend on us to be there when you can't. As well, our OSHC Educators have good relationships with all the School's teaching staff and leadership who are Marie Wright (Principal), Jo Rowell (Deputy Principal) and Victoria Corbett (Student Well Being Leader). Therefore, any messages, lost forms, concerns, appointments, etc. are easily followed up. We are an important link between School and home and we try to make the transition from OSHC to School and home again seamless and stress free.
5. OSHC Educators take the Reception children from Before School Care to their classrooms and assist them with their literacy and reading in the mornings.
6. All the Junior Primary children are collected from the 'OSHC Bus Stop' each afternoon. Primary aged children walk from their classroom to OSHC. All the children are ticked off the booking sheet as they arrive. Therefore if your children are absent as per the booking sheet, OSHC Educators will follow up any missing children immediately. You can be assured that your children have safely arrived after school as you have requested.
7. If required, we can support your children with homework/reading.
8. We serve toast and juice or cereal and juice each morning before 8.00 am and provide healthy afternoon teas at After School Care. This is included in the cost of care. If your children have any dietary requirements, just let our friendly Educators know and we will do our best to accommodate them.
9. Fees are kept to a minimum and any profit made is returned to the children by way of purchasing new resources. Fees can also be subsidised with Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate (the tax incentive) by the Commonwealth Government through Centrelink. 13 61 50 is the number to ring to apply for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate or you can do it on line. The Web address is: [www.humanservice.gov.au/customer/information](http://www.humanservice.gov.au/customer/information)
10. We are open between 7.00 am and 8.30 am in the mornings and 3.15 pm and 6.15 pm after school. When school closes early on Tuesdays we are open between 2.15 and 6.15 pm. Vacation Care is offered during all holidays from 7.00 am until 6.00 pm and we usually close for two weeks over the Christmas/New Year period. We are also open on all Pupil Free and School Closure Days.