



Welcome To Northbourne Public School

Kindergarten 2026



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Introductions

Mrs Michele Hedge: Principal

Miss Nina Daher: Deputy Principal

Mrs Donna Edwards: Assistant Principal

VISION AND PURPOSE

Our school motto: **Curious Minds...Bright Futures** is underpinned by our school vision and purpose.

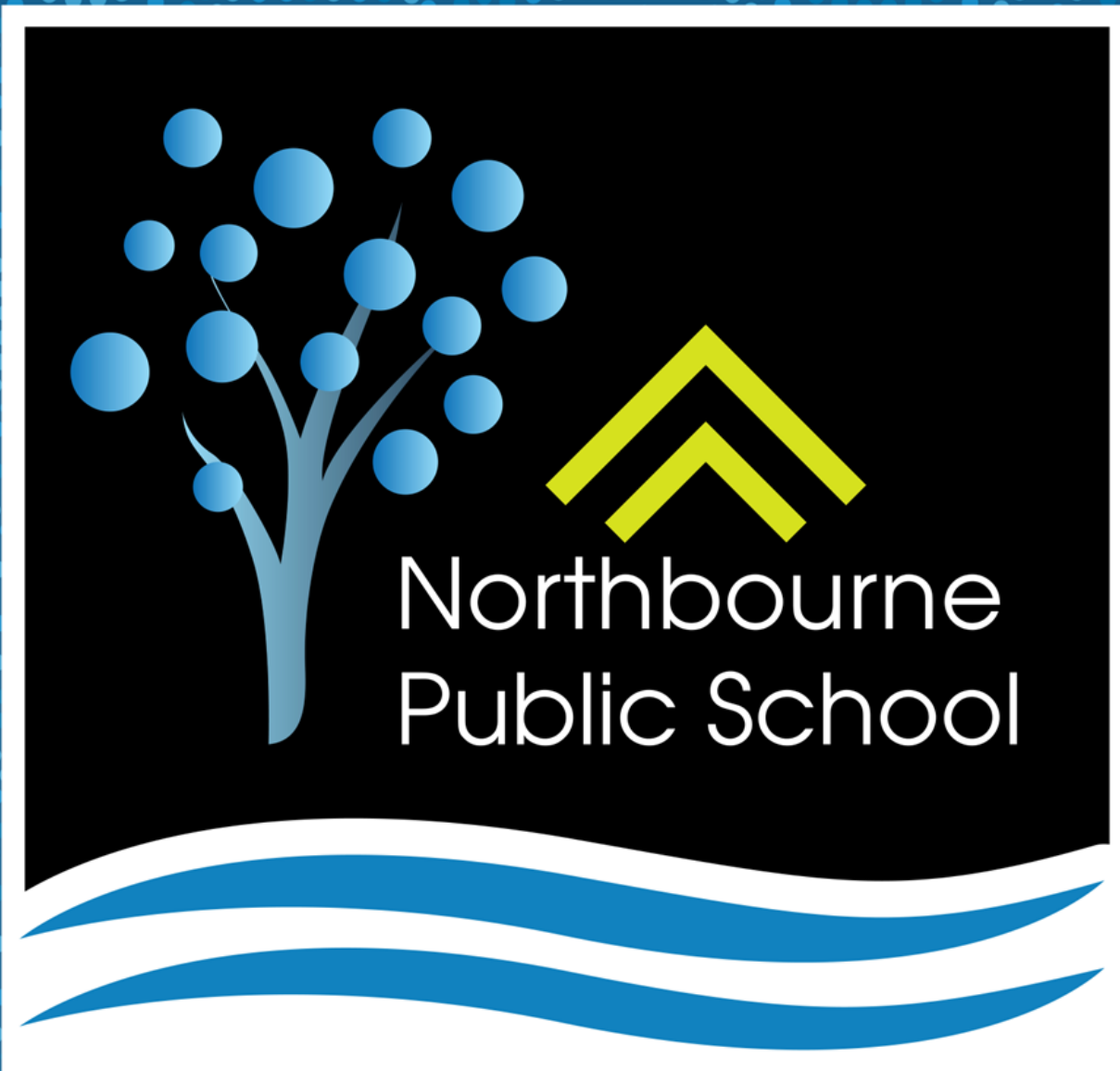
Vision

To create a school culture of excellence by providing innovative, challenging and stimulating learning experiences that connect students and engages their curiosity, whilst promoting a sense of optimism about their lives and the future.

Purpose

To prepare young people for rewarding lives as engaged, resilient, unique citizens in a rapidly changing and interconnected world.





Logo

The tree symbolises lifelong learning and belonging, holding our stories within its roots and branches, connecting generations of curious learners in a safe and nurturing environment. It grows alongside us, reflecting our journey as we cultivate knowledge and develop values like resilience, honesty, empathy, responsibility, and respect for others.

The North symbol represents our own journey as we navigate in the direction of True North. It is underpinned by the learner's aspiration to be a leader of their own learning.

The flowing river symbolises Wianamatta or South Creek. Wianamatta is an Aboriginal word of the Darug language, meaning 'mother place'. The creek flows generally north.

Motto

Our school motto - Curious Minds...Bright Futures

SCHOOL TIMES

8:30am-2:30pm

Playground Duty: 8:00-8:30am

➤ 1st session: 8:30-10:00am (Crunch and Sip 8:45am)

Recess: 10:00-10:30am

➤ 2nd session 10:30-12:30pm (including 10mins eating time)

Playtime: 12:30-1:00pm

➤ 3rd session: 1:00-2:30pm

SCHOOL UNIFORM

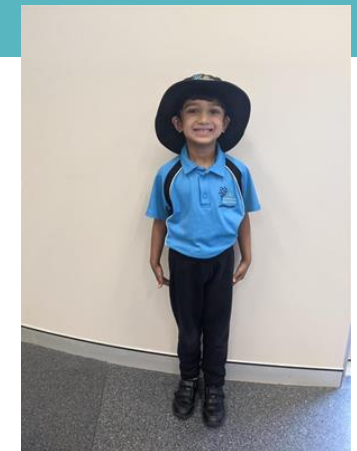
Our school uniform is available online from Midford. <https://www.midford.com.au/school-shops-online>

The summer uniform is worn in Terms 1 and 4 whilst the winter uniform is worn in Terms 2 and 3.

Sports uniform is only to be worn on the designated sport day unless otherwise specified.

Hats are compulsory at our school. Your child is expected to wear a hat each day as part of the school uniform. The school has a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy.

Black leather school shoes and white socks must be worn for the purposes of safety. Sport shoes with white socks are only to be worn with the sports uniform.



LEARNING IN KINDERGARTEN

Most time in Kindergarten is spent developing children's literacy and numeracy skills.

There are six key learning areas studied throughout primary school:

Creative arts

English

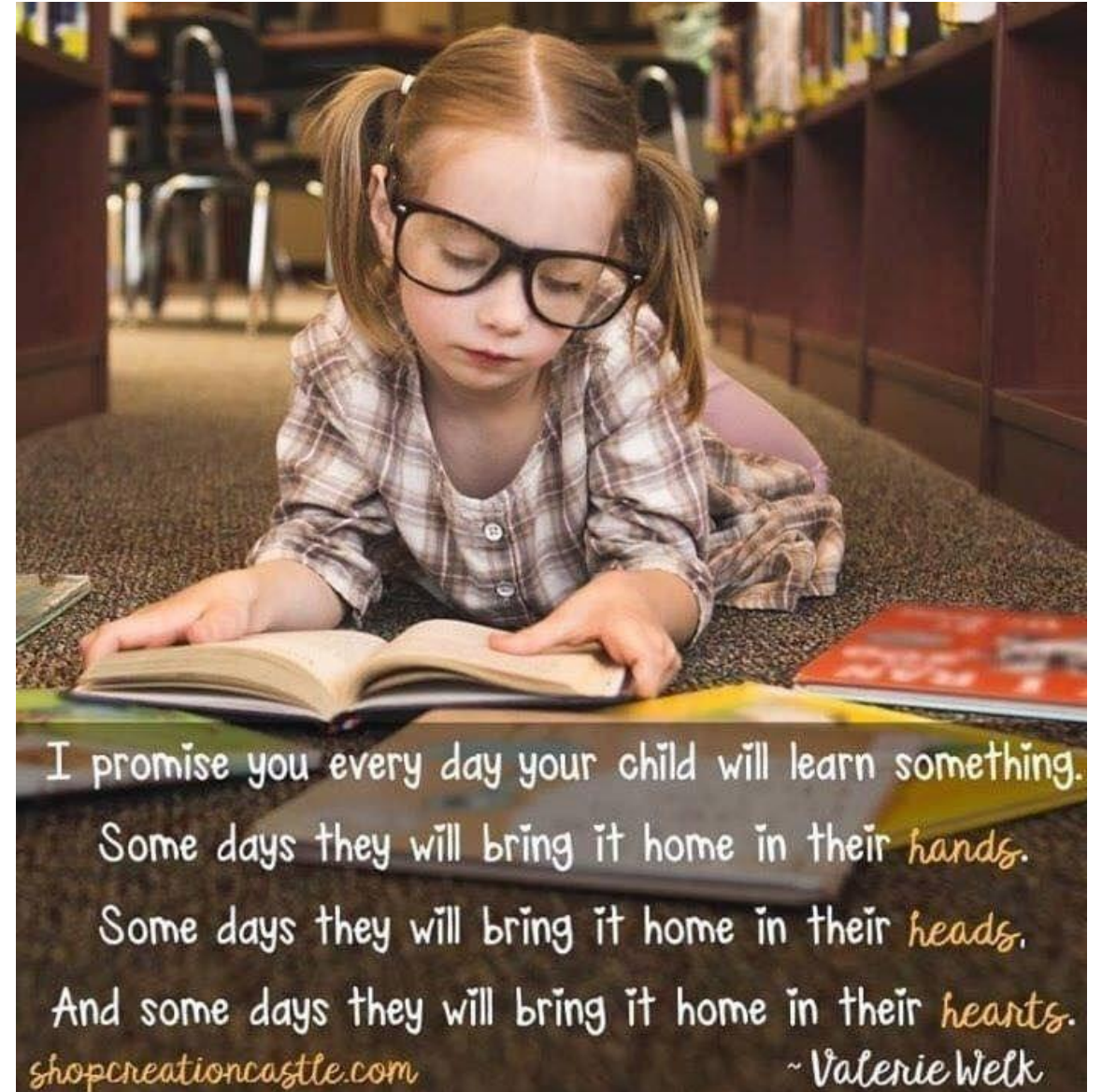
Human society and its environment
(HSIE)

Mathematics

Personal development, health and
physical education (PDHPE)

Science and technology

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER



I promise you every day your child will learn something.

Some days they will bring it home in their *hands*.

Some days they will bring it home in their *heads*.

And some days they will bring it home in their *hearts*.

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~ Valerie Welk



GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE



NEVER DO FOR A
CHILD WHAT THEY
CAN DO FOR
THEMSELVES

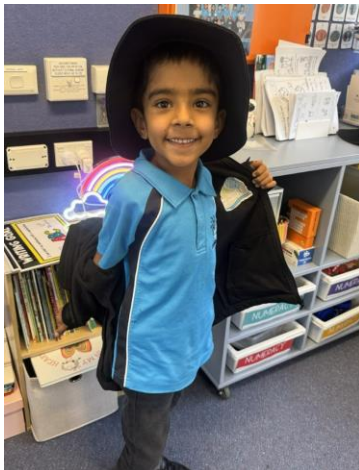
- Maria Montessori

SCHOOL READINESS

Personal/Social Skills

- can say own name, age and address
- adapts to unfamiliar settings and new experiences
- can finish a task, and tidies up afterwards
- plays cooperatively with other children - shares and takes turns
- can sit still to listen to a story for a few minutes
- is curious about the world
- can share an adult's attention with several other children
- participates in imaginative play





SCHOOL READINESS

Self-Help Skills

- uses the toilet independently
- find their change of clothes and change themselves independently
- can put on and take off jumpers, jackets, shoes, socks independently
- looks after own belongings such as hat and jumper
- packs and unpacks own bag
- opens and closes own lunchbox, containers and food packets



SCHOOL READINESS

Physical Skills

- writes their own name
- uses scissors to cut along a straight line
- Uses pencils, textas, crayons and paintbrushes to draw, scribble or write
- Enjoys a variety of indoor and outdoor play
- Creates and designs using a variety of materials, for example, builds a tower with blocks





SCHOOL READINESS

Language

- talks to other people about familiar objects and events
- answers and asks simple questions
- expresses their needs by using their words
- follows simple instructions
- uses books for enjoyment or for looking at pictures
- identifies pictures and words in books
- joins in singing familiar songs



- Read stories with your child, ask them questions and practice retelling what they have read
- Identifying their name, letters and sounds
- Rote Counting
- Counting small connections
- Counting backwards
- Recognising numbers in their environment





THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF KINDERGARTEN



ROUTINES

- Routines are established in the first few weeks
 - Lining up before and after the bell
 - Unpacking bags
 - Bringing folders back to school
- Learning to interact and work with others
- Getting to know each other
- Books, oral language, play!

WHAT IS THE BEST START ASSESSMENT?

Best start is a state-wide assessment tool to help teachers find out each child's skills and strengths in literacy and numeracy. Teachers will sit with your child early in the school year to assess early literacy and numeracy skills so that they can develop an appropriate teaching program catered to each student. Children come to school with a range of experiences and skills, the assessment is not a test but provides the teacher with the dedicated time to learn more about each student to better support their learning.

Best Start Assessments will take place in the classrooms in the first few weeks of school.



<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/assessment-resources/best-start-kindergarten>

COMMUNICATION AT NORTHBOURNE

- School Bytes Parent Portal

- Calendar
- Notes and payments
- Notices and announcements



- School Facebook Page

- Announcement
- Classroom updates and photos of events



- School email

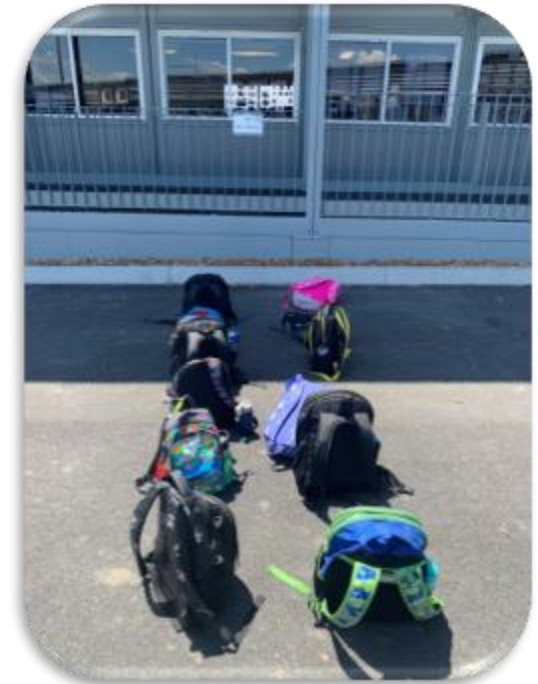
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A TYPICAL DAY IN KINDERGARTEN

MORNING DROP OFF

- The school gates open and children are supervised from 8am onwards in the mornings.
- Students are encouraged to say a quick goodbye, walk in and put their bags down and enjoy morning playtime!





To get warmed up and ready for the day we start each day with a class discussion – students complete phonological awareness exercises and revise learned sounds and sight words.

Our mornings then consist of a range of literacy activities that include;

- Hands-on sight word and single sound games.

- Listening to and responding to various stories.

- Reading in small groups with the teacher.

LITERACY ACTIVITIES





CRUNCH AND SIP AND RECESS

Crunch and sip

- A piece of fruit or vegetables to crunch on (e.g. apple cut into pieces or carrot sticks) and a drink of water to sip.
- This short 5 -10 minute break is taken inside during the morning session.

Recess

- Small snack eaten in the classroom with their teacher at the start of their 30 minute recess break.
- After the students finish eating, they go to the playground to play.





MIDDLE SESSION AND EATING TIME

MATHS

- Number Talks – help build number sense
- Hands-on activities and games
- Numeral recognition
- Basic addition and subtraction using concrete materials such as counters
- Shapes
- Ordering numbers
- Measuring length, volume and area

EATING TIME

- Students have 10 minutes eating time before their 30 minute lunch break for play.
- At the start of the year, Kindergarten students are given a bit more time to eat.
- There is a canteen at Northbourne PS. You can place lunch orders online at www.flexischools.com.au



- At lunchtime, the students have a 30 minute break to play outside in the playground.
- There are various areas they can play in: grass areas to run, multipurpose courts for ball games, slides and quiet areas to sit and talk.
- All students are encouraged to wear their hats whenever they are outside and to go to the toilet during this break.



LUNCH



PICTURES OF STUDENTS PLAYING AT LUNCH



- Cover key learning areas such as Geography/History, Creative Arts, Science, Personal Development & Health, Sport
- Play-based learning and Social Skills on Fridays
- Hands-on activities that are collaborative and fun!
- The time each key learning area is taught will differ depending on the class teacher's timetable



AFTERNOON SESSION

Dismissal

- Teachers will walk their class to the Kindergarten pick up point in time for 2:30pm dismissal
- Students will be dismissed when:
 - They spot their parent/carer
 - Wave to their parent/carer
 - Wave to their teacher who has full view of the parent/carer

OOSH

- Students will be collected by OOSH staff and taken to the hall

Bus

- Students who catch a bus home will be walked to the bus by a teacher who will assist them getting onto the bus



PICK UP AND OOSH



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF KINDERGARTEN

Northbourne PS

Everything you need to know about OSHC
(Outside School Hours Care)

**Your
OSHC.**



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Meet the Team at Northbourne Public School



Daniel
Educational Leader &
Nominated Supervisor

Over the past 5 years I have supported educators to facilitate engaging play-based educational programs that are inclusive of their local community and families.

My personal philosophy is each child deserves an inclusive and supportive environment to allow them to reach their full potential.



Jaswinder (Jas)
Service Director & Educational Leader

My name is Jaswinder Kaur and I have started my career as a social educator 16 years ago. During my 16 years career journey I have worked at different positions as Team leader, Program coordinator and Service Manager in the community welfare and childcare sector. My last job before I joined OSHC was with Sydney Metro Trains as Train Driver. I have been working at Northbourne Public School OSHC from January 2021. I have advanced Diploma in Community Welfare, Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Cert IV in Leadership and Management.

As Service Director I believe in fostering a positive and respectful workplace culture where professional learning and continuous improvement are valued. I intend to motivate my team through mentoring, guiding, goal setting, overcoming challenges and being a role model for them. I am very passionate about building great relationships and connections with families, our local community and our school.



Hina Javed
Service Leader

I'm Hina Javed, I've joined Camp Australia 7 years ago. I was also part of aspiring leader program with Camp Australia. I have 10+ years of experience working with children overseas and in Australia. I am from Pakistan, and I bring a diverse background to collaborate with children, educators, and community. I try to support and extend children abilities to recognize and manage their emotions each day. Quick facts about me

- I like to sing and dance (Bollywood)
- Soccer, Cricket, and Basketball Fan (Challenge accepted)
- Spiders/reptiles are my worst fear 😬
- I can play games on Xbox all day (only if I win 100M)



Stephanie
Service Leader

Hi, my name is Stephanie, and I am the new service leader at Camp Australia Northbourne. With five years of experience in early education, I'm dedicated to creating environments where children can learn and thrive through both structured and spontaneous learning experiences. I am very keen to join the Camp Australia team and to continue to work alongside them to create amazing experiences for the children.

Outside of work, I love staying active by going to the gym, going for hikes and enjoy both watching and playing sports—particularly following Arsenal in the Women's Super League. Family time is also a priority, and I cherish the moments I spend with them.

Local Indigenous Land: Darug



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Neethu

Primary- Coordinator

Hello! I'm Neethu Anil, and I'm thrilled to be part of this Camp Australia team. With a passion for nurturing young minds, my goal is to create a fun, safe, and enriching environment where every child can thrive. When I'm not at work, I love cooking and travelling. I'm always excited to get to know all the amazing kids and families here and to make a positive impact every day."



Sadaf

Kindy- Coordinator

Hi I'm Sadaf. I've been working with Camp Australia over a year and it's been an amazing experience. It's been a whole year of learning wonderful things, interacting with many people and building relationships with parents and kids. My goal is always to ensure that the kids always feel safe and cared for. When I'm not working I love to spend time with my family and discover new places to visit. I love to immerse myself and the kids in activities that are fun and help them learn. I believe that the best way to help a kid progress academically into constantly communicate with them and build a good connection



Manju

Kindy- Coordinator

As Coordinator, I believe that every child is special and unique. Children learning and development is dependent on time and surrounding, so I would like to create a safe and positive environment where they feel strong sense of belonging and positive energy. According to me, to build a sense of belonging, I would like to include family as well. We can ask their feedback. Through this we can build a positive and healthy relationship with the family and ongoing communication with the families will help us to meet the needs of children in our care.



Barbara

Seniors- Coordinator

My name is Barbara and I'm 23 years old. I was born in Portugal and moved to Australia when I was 4 years old! I enjoy learning about new languages and cultures as well as foods and traditions. In my spare time I like to cook and watch/play different sports. My favourite sport is soccer.

I believe that children learn best when they are having fun and enjoying the learning experience. Each person has their own way of learning so it's important to build a good relationship with the children and get to know how they learn best. Learning is about growing and having fun so it is important to incorporate things that they love into their learning journey.



Vaishali

Juniors- Coordinator

I am Vaishali Kochhar, originally from an Indian background, with a passion for music and creativity. I enjoy solving jigsaw puzzles and making crafts in my free time, always eager to learn something new each day. Sharing my knowledge and experiences with others is something I truly value. My love for being around children led me to work at Northbourne Public School, where I can contribute to their growth and development while continuing to learn from them. Working with Camp Australia from last 2 and half years.



Sheetal

Juniors- Educator

My name is Sheetal Karshalia. I have more than 10 years experience in childcare and more than 5 years experience in OSHC. I have a knowledge of English, Hindi & Gujarati languages. Creativity and craft are my passion. Children's safety is my most important thing. Encouraging children to learn about themselves. Maintain children's wellbeing and rights. To make children & their families feel comfortable and secure. Provide them with a safe learning / activities.



Nicola

Kindy - Educator

Hi! My name is Nicola.

I grew up in country NSW in a small town called Murwillumbah. I moved to Sydney in 2013 to study at university. Some of my favourite hobbies are dancing, swimming, reading and painting. Spain is my favourite country to visit, and I love cooking and eating Spanish food. I'm married to my husband Mitchell and we're about to have a baby boy!



Sana

Kindy- Educator

Working with Camp Australia, children is what makes me happy. I love to contend. Kids and their curious minds and natures fascinate me. Being a mother to 3 kids myself, I know how important it is to take a village to raise children. With Camp Australia, I want to be a part of that village.

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Sharmin
Juniors- Educator

I am a certificate 3 holder in Children services, I have over 12 years' experience working in Early Childhood and Children services. I am enthusiastic about working with young kids, help and nurture them to grow as a wonderful person. I am well adept in creating comprehensive and well-rounded curriculum that children find engaging and interesting.

I love working at Camp Australia because it is such an amazing place and environments it offers for children to learn and explore in. We are like a big family here. Getting to know the children and their families is so rewarding and as a parent myself I can appreciate how important the relationships between families and our staffs are.



Sujatha

Primary- Educator

I'm Sujatha Kalyadapu, and I have been working with Camp Australia since the day Camp Australia is in Northbourne Public School. I've completed my master's in mathematics. Overall, I have five years of working experience in teaching, including subject teaching and before and after school care.

As an educator of, before and after school care emphasizes the importance of active learning and student engagement in the learning process. This approach emphasizes that knowledge is constructed by the learner rather than being transmitted by the teacher.



Radhika

Juniors – Educator

I am passionate individual with a knack for creativity and problem-solving. I thrive in dynamic environments, always eager to learn and contribute. With a strong focus on growth and innovation, I bring a unique perspective to every activities I undertakes."

Hobbies: baking, traveling, art craft
Favorite subject: maths science



Kavita

Floater – Educator

My name is Kavita Ghai. I work as an educator and I enjoy creating artwork with kids. My hobbies are cooking, travelling and reading books.

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Your OSHC.

Before School, After School & Pupil Free Day Experiences.

Your child could join us for one of three fantastic day types:



Before School Care

A great confidence boost before the school day begins.



After School Care

Engaging experiences that will inspire your child.



Pupil Free Days

A full day of tailored activities to help your child play, connect and learn.

by  Camp Australia





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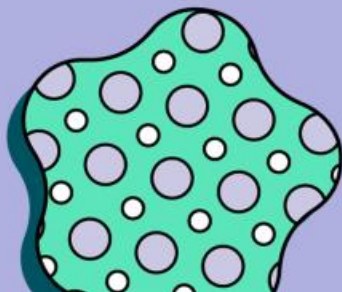


Registration is Free!

To attend our care, families must **register** their children first.

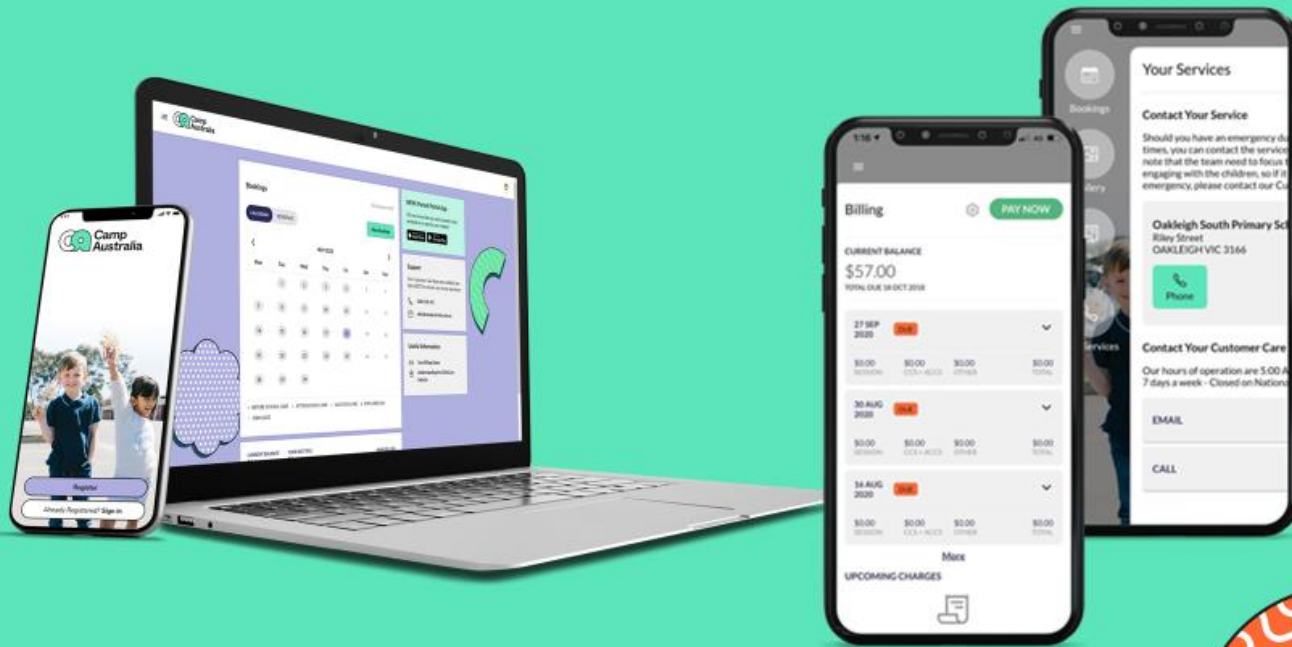
Here are some ways you can register:

- Find the **OSHC** link on your school website/newsletter for more information
- Visit **www.campaustralia.com.au** and search under 'School Finder'
- Download the Camp Australia app to access the Parent Portal



Parent Portal and Smartphone App

Our Parent Portal gives families unrivalled access to manage their accounts and bookings with all the key information you need.



QUESTION TIME

