



Philosophy

Professionals in Play, Freedom for families and Equity in Opportunity

Ainslie Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) is committed to caring for children, Playwork, families and equity in opportunity.

Children are our priority. We will ensure a safe environment, that promotes inclusion of all children, families and educators and develops an organic curriculum that is continuously shifting to meet the children's needs.

At Ainslie OSHC, we promote the theory of Playwork which,

'Is about removing barriers to play, and enriching the play environment...The role of the playworker is to create flexible environments which are substantially adaptable or controllable by the children ...' (F. Brown, 2009)

We understand that children do not come to Ainslie OSHC for the rigid, and structured environment that can be presented in the classroom. For many children the centre presents a unique opportunity for fun, and an opportunity to relax with their friends and peers. This freedom allows the students to develop their own identities, learn how to mitigate risk and become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing.

As a condition of this environment we ask that children respect the rules and responsibilities of the centre.

At Ainslie OSHC, we provide a service for all members of the community. Communication with families is key for educators in learning as much as they can about the children in their care. Our educators strive to be approachable for all families. We are a flexible service and will try our best to meet the needs of all families throughout the year.

Educators at Ainslie OSHC are informed, aware and flexible. These three principles ensure that we deliver a consistently high service, no matter what challenges we may face. Working with children is an often unpredictable and exciting career, therefore it is our responsibility to continue to develop educator knowledge and skills. This will ensure we have a well-balanced, well-prepared team.

We recognise that we are privileged to develop unique and dependable relationships with the children from Kindergarten to High School. We will promote reflective practice, strive for continuous improvement and adapt to changing environments throughout the centre and the community.

At Ainslie OSHC we are a community that is committed to children, families and educators and we look forward to a dynamic learning journey.