

## Benefits of belonging to Cumberland City Council's Education & Care Services

Positive Partnerships, Enriching Opportunities, Creating Futures

## Families in Partnership

Cumberland City Council's Education and Care Services have an open door policy where family participation, involvement and feedback are encouraged and valued. Within Council's services, educators recognise the importance of the family unit in a child's life.

As your education and care services are also a significant influence in your child's life, educators provide opportunities to strengthen this partnership through sharing skills and talents, literacy groups, parent workshops, social and fundraising events.

The strengthening of this partnership depends on the opportunities to develop through positive communication and interactions providing the children a sense of belonging.



## Quality Education and Care in Cumberland

Council's Education and Care Services offer many added benefits with the range of services meeting the needs of families within our community.

#### Other benefits include:

- Child Care Subsidy available across all service types
- Education and Care Services have a Child Safe Environment and Practices
  Guiding Principle, which contains SunSmart procedures which is endorsed by
  the Cancer Council and all services provide sunscreen and hats for outdoor
  play
- Nutritionally balanced meals are provided for all children in Long Day Preschool and Out of School Hours Care as recommended by Nutrition Australia and the NSW Health initiative "Munch & Move"
- Linen is provided and laundered at all Long Day Preschools
- The transporting of children is adhered to with the child restraint standards as recommended by the Transport for NSW
- Services have access to environmentally sustainable programs and resources
- Children have access to computers to extend their information technology skills
- Social skill programs are incorporated in all activities
- Connections to the local community
- Transition to School program
- Council's Child Protection Framework supports children having safe and happy experiences in the community, accessing our facilities and in the care of our services



## Staffing

Council's Education and Care Services carefully recruits and inducts educators to ensure a high standard of educational care is maintained. All educators must undergo a Working With Children Check, complete child protection training and hold current first aid qualifications.

Our educators are highly experienced and /or qualified in their area of expertise and are provided with continuous professional development opportunities. High educator:child ratios are maintained to provide children with regular, meaningful and spontaneous interactions within the program to make certain that the most positive opportunities and outcomes for all children are maintained. The diversity of the local community is reflected within each service's team of educators.

### School Holiday Care

Council's Out of School Hours services provide school holiday care for children aged between 5-13 years. They offer a range of excursions and activities. The Double Digits school holiday care program caters for children 10-13 years old. At Double Digits the children participate in excursions, workshops and host a number of recreational and diversity activities within the program. This program helps develop life skills, with a strong emphasis on emotional wellbeing and resilience.

# Commitment to children with additional support needs

Council's Education and Care Services actively support the inclusion of all children in our services and provide quality educational programs for children, including children with additional support needs.

Our educators are trained and are experienced to work with children and their families who require additional support.



### Sustainability and Environmental Awareness

All of Council's Education and Care Services incorporate sustainable practices and procedures into daily routines. Environmental education programs promote recycling, waste reduction and energy saving in each service. Children enrolled at our services have opportunities to participate in gardening activities and nature play experiences. Nature play workshops are also available to the community.



## National Quality Framework

The National Quality Framework (NQF) is a national regulatory system which combines regulatory bodies and quality assurance across Australia. A National Quality Standard of seven quality areas will focus on improving children's educational and developmental outcomes, including educator qualification requirements and more educators working with children.

A regulatory authority in each state and territory is responsible for administering the framework, including granting approvals and monitoring compliance.

A national body known as the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority coordinates and guides the NQF ensuring the consistent and effective implementation of the system.

Educators attend training workshops to develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of the NQF. This information will be extended to all families through the Families in Partnership program and other education and care events.

#### **Long Day Preschool**

Auburn Long Day Child Care Centre (0-5's)

17 Northumberland Road, Auburn P 8757 9069 E aldccc@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Frances Fisk Child Care Centre (0-5's)

64 The Avenue, Granville P 8757 9072 E ffccc@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Friend Park Children's Centre (0-5's)

3 McKern Street, Wentworthville P 8757 9074 E fpcc@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Guildford West Children's Centre (0-5's)

50 Princes Street, Guildford West P 8757 9073 E gwcc@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Holroyd Children's Centre-Banksia Babes (0-3's)

1 Goodlet Street, Merrylands P 8757 9070 E hccbb@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Holroyd Children's Centre-Gumnut Grove (3-5's)

13 Windsor Road, Merrylands P 8757 9071 E hccgg@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Pemulwuy Children's Centre (0-5's)

1 Newport Street, Pemulwuy P 8757 9085 E pemcc@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Wenty Children's Centre (0-5's)

100 Damien Avenue, Greystanes P 8757 9075 E wcc@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

#### Family Day Care

Cumberland Council Family Day Care (0-12's)

P 8757 9076 E ccfdc@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

#### Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) and School Holiday Care (SHC)

Guildford West OOSH / SHC

50 Princes Street, Guildford West P 8757 9077 E gwoosh@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Parramatta West OOSH

57 Auburn Street, Parramatta West P 8757 9078 E pwoosh@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Ringrose OOSH / SHC

18-36 Ringrose Avenue, Greystanes P 8757 9081 E rroosh@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Sherwood Grange OOSH / SHC

50 Bruce Street, Merrylands P 8757 9082 E sgoosh@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

Widemere OOSH

Nemesia Street, Greystanes P 8757 9083 E woosh@cumberland.nsw.gov.au



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