



Before and After School Care at Chisholm, Bligh Park

Opening at Chisholm in 2021!

In 2019 Bishop Vincent announced a vision to expand the Diocese's childcare services - and we are excited that Chisholm is one of the first communities to benefit!

The service will be operated by Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited who run COSHC (Catholic Out of School Hours Care) in 27 other Catholic primary schools in the Parramatta Diocese.

The team at COSHC are committed to providing fun, quality programs and all their services meet or exceed the National Quality Standards.

COSHC Chisholm, Bligh Park will open in Term 1, 2021 and will provide before and after school care and vacation care.

To learn more please see the attached information pack or feel free to contact our Enrolments Team via:

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We are thrilled to offer this new service to support Chisholm families.





How do I enrol into COSHC for 2021?

We are currently introducing an exciting new online enrolment process for 2021. To register your interest in attending COSHC in 2021 please complete the online form [here](#) or via the link <https://bit.ly/2HMebbC>.

One of our enrolments team will be in contact with you in to discuss enrolment and the next steps.

We encourage all families to enrol their children in COSHC in case of an unplanned need. Should a place be available we will be able to readily accept your child.

What are the fees for COSHC?

	Permanent booking	Casual Booking
Before School Care	\$18.00 per session	\$20.00 per session
After School Care	\$28.00 per session	\$30.00 per session
Pupil Free Day	\$55.00 per day	

There is a one-off enrolment fee of \$40. This is not charged on an annual basis and you will only be charged this upon initial enrolment with COSHC.

What Government rebates and benefits are available for families?

COSHC services are approved services for Child Care Subsidy (CCS). CCS is a payment offered by the Australian Government for which you may be eligible to assist with the cost of before and after school care.



What is the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)?

The Child Care Subsidy is means tested based on combined family income, the fortnightly activity of families such as work, study, or volunteering and the type of service a child attends. The parent or carer must register and apply for the Child Care Subsidy through the MyGov website or App. Parents or Carers registered for CCS must be the 'Account Holder' with COSHC and needs to provide the relevant COSHC centre with the correct Customer Reference Number (CRN) and date of birth for:

- The parent/carer, and
- Each child attending COSHC (there is a separate CRN for each child).

The CCS is used by COSHC to offset the weekly fee. Parents/carers only pay the residual gap fee.

For more information on the Child Care Subsidy and eligibility, please visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/who-can-get-it>

How do I pay my COSHC fees?

Direct debit is our preferred payment option of fees from January 2021 (credit or debit account). Debits will occur on a fortnightly basis on Thursdays. A calendar schedule will be distributed to all enrolled families towards the end of the year advising when the direct debits will be scheduled in 2021. Direct debit offers superior convenience however if this is not suitable for you please contact us. No payments will be debited until January 2021 and you will be advised before the first debit occurs.

If using a debit account, no account processing fees will be incurred (dishonour fees excepted) however a credit card for payment of fees will incur a small processing fee for each transaction. You will be advised of this fee.

Do I still need to pay for a scheduled day if my child is sick?

Yes and this will count towards your allowable absences if you are eligible for CCS. For more information about allowable absences please visit

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-manage-your-payment/if-your-child-absent-from-child-care>

COSHC Educators

COSHC employs qualified and experienced educators who are supported in their ongoing professional development and industry specific training to enhance their provision of quality education and care. There is always an educator rostered who is qualified in first aid, asthma and anaphylaxis and CPR. All educators working directly with the children hold a valid working with children check.



What support is available for children with additional needs?

We welcome and celebrate diversity at COSHC. Our educators are experienced in caring for children with a wide variety of needs and requirements. Please speak to the coordinator to ensure your child's transition and experience at the service is inclusive and joyful.

What are the operating hours for COSHC?

- Before school care (BSC): 6:30am-8:30am
- After school care (ASC): 2:30pm-6:30pm
- Pupil Free Day: 6:30am-6:30pm

Where is COSHC located in the school and how do we access the service?

COSHC will have a dedicated room in Block E and will also use the school hall, COLA and playgrounds. The dedicated COSHC room in Block E is where the children should arrive in the mornings and collected from in the afternoons. You will be able to park in the school's car park (off Collith Street).

From the school car park, parents will access the security gate at the front of the school to the left-hand side of the school office. COSHC is installing a security intercom and a sign at this gate. Once in the school parents can walk to the COSHC room in Block E.

The person that comes to collect your child must be over 16 years of age and if they are not the legal parent or guardian, these people must be nominated on the enrolment form. Every child needs to be signed in and out of the service by the legal parent or guardian or nominated person.

In the mornings, when school staff arrive for playground duty, COSHC children will be taken to the school staff member and signed out of COSHC. In the afternoon's COSHC will have a designated pick up outside the COSHC room. Teachers will help direct children to this spot and COSHC educators will be at the location marking the roll. Kindergarten children will be collected by COSHC educators directly from their teachers.

How do the centre and educators communicate with families?

Each service communicates with their families on a regular basis. This could be via a newsletter, email, phone call, a communication board at the service etc.

What does my child need while at COSHC?

1. A wide-brimmed or bucket style hat for outdoor play for each session at COSHC.
2. Any medication that is needed during their time at COSHC.

Does the service provide food for my child/children?

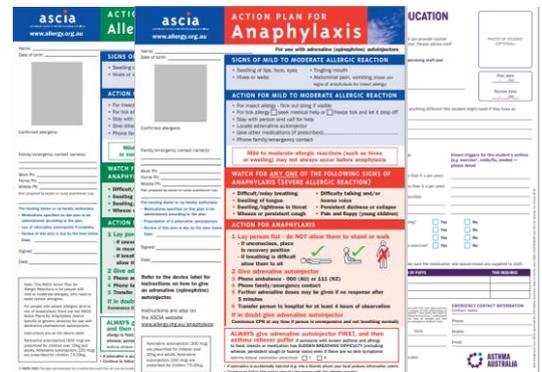
We will have a four week rotating menu guided by Nutrition Australia which will be continuously reviewed to support all children. Breakfast will be provided each day for before school care and afternoon tea snacks are provided. Please inform your COSHC in advance

if your child has any special dietary needs or requirements. Every effort is made to ensure your child is catered for in an inclusive manner.

COSHC Chisholm will ensure to support the health and safety of children with medical conditions. Our menu will be on display for parents to view on our parent notice board.

What if my child has asthma, anaphylaxis or an allergy?

If your child has a medical condition that requires medication, by law we must be provided with a colour in-date copy of your child's medical action plan along with in-date medication to be kept at the service. Your child cannot attend if we do not have these items. These will be required as part of the enrolment process.



What activities will my child participate in?

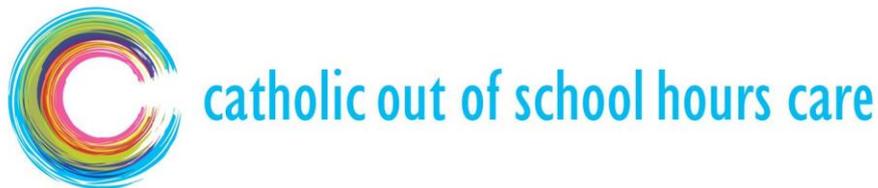
Each COSHC offers a range of child focused activities, both programmed and free play, for children of all primary school ages to participate in such as:

- outdoor play – team sports, group games and free choice activities
- physical activity – dancing, indoor and outdoor play
- craft
- cooking
- board games
- dramatic play
- construction
- reading
- free play activities

Does COSHC need to follow any regulations?

Outside School Hours Care services (OSHC) are approved to operate under the *Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010*, the *Education and Care Services National Regulations* and the *National Quality Framework (NQF)*. OSCH services offer an educational program in accordance with *My Time Our Place*, the framework for school age care in Australia.

The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) oversees the national implementation of the National Quality Framework (NQF), which is the application of the National Law and Regulations covering before and after school services (along with other approved Early Childhood Education and Care Services). In order to operate before and after school care under the NQF, several regulatory approvals are required, including Provider Approval and Service Approval.



As a requirement of the NQF, all approved before and after school services are assessed against the National Quality Standard and given a rating against seven quality areas and an overall rating. Ratings are published to provide parents and the community more information about individual services.

The seven areas for assessment are:

1. Educational program and practice
2. Children's health and safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements (including the number of staff looking after children)
5. Relationships with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Leadership and service management

Further information can be found on the ACECQA website <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/> and the Department of Education website <https://www.education.gov.au/my-time-our-place>

Do you provide holiday/vacation care at your service?

We will operate during the school holidays, commencing at the end of Term 1 2021 for the Easter school holidays. We will provide a 12-hour care service to families from 6:30am to 6:30pm. When creating, planning and preparing our vacation care programs, we take all feedback from families, children and educators into consideration. We also consider the seasonal changes in the year in our program to ensure children have the full experience of their holidays with us whether it be Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. Our vacation program is a great way to give your child the opportunity to build friendships, develop new skills and learn through leisure and play base activities. You must have completed the enrolment process for your child to attend Vacation Care.

What are the fees for Vacation Care?

Vacation Care – in centre	\$55.00
Vacation Care – in centre workshop	\$60.00
Vacation Care Excursion	\$70.00