



## WHAT WE DO

We provide support for children and families in the Riverwood area. Our programs have been developed to respond to the multicultural character of our area, through bi-lingual staff, a focus on celebrating diversity, and specific activities and events. Our Long Day Care and Out of School Hours Care Centres offer programs that nurture the development of children, and support the ability of parents to join the workforce.

Our Family Support program is funded by the NSW Department of Family and Community Services under the Targeted Earlier Intervention to support the growth and development of all vulnerable children and families in our community in an inclusive way to meet their needs.

## HOURS OF OPERATION



Family Support Service: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Long Day Care: 7:00am – 6:00pm

Before school care: 7:00am – 9:30am

After school care: 2:30pm – 6:00pm

Vacation Care: 7:00am – 6:00pm

## OUR MISSION

To work collaboratively with families and children aiming to enhance their abilities to implement positive changes.

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Our Child and Family Services support families with children aged 0-12 with early intervention and prevention programs, quality education and care for children attending the long day care and before and after school care including vacation care.

Our children's programs and activities are embedded in the community and are continually responsive to emerging family and community needs.

Our diverse skilled and bilingual team support and enhance families' and children's capacity in order to achieve the best possible outcomes

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## FAMILY SUPPORT

**Our Family Support Service offers assistance to families with children aged 0-12 years, who are facing challenges. We aim to enhance the family's capacity and resilience through our innovative programs which are embedded in the community and are responsive and inclusive.**

We provide support through advocacy and referrals, housing assistance, home visiting, court support, referrals to other services, and parenting workshops.

We conduct playtime for parents/carers and their children. We provide a broad range of activities to develop a strong appreciation of the stages of child development including strengthening the parent / child relationship in a safe and happy environment.

Our Parent Support Group builds families' capacity to achieve and promote safe and healthy parenting practices. We offer a range of activities include gardening, preparing nutritious meals, English language classes and first aid.

Parenting programs are also offered and participants are provided with an opportunity to increase their parenting skills and confidence with their children. We maintain close links with other community services in the area to ensure that families can access the best support available.

## LONG DAY CARE

**Our Long Day Care Centre offers places for 29 children. The Centre is open from 7.00am to 6.00pm on week days, and our qualified and thoughtful educators care for children from birth to 5 years.**

We provide a diverse skilled and bilingual team offering a high quality education and care for our children.

Our curriculum has been developed by our early childhood educators to respond to the diversity of cultures in our community, and to meet children's development needs and interests.

We work with parents to provide a safe and stimulating environment to help children relate sensitively with others, listen to other perspectives and solve problems.

We develop daily learning programs to progress children's learning skills, enhance their physical development, and prepare children for school.

We regularly provide feedback to parents and conduct parent information events.

Our educators are the key to providing children with our high quality education and care program. We support our staff to develop their skills and professional training.

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

**Our Out of School Hours Care Centre offers care for primary school aged children (5-12 years) before school care from 7.00am and after school care until 6.00pm during school terms, and vacation care during school holidays.**

We believe that children should enjoy a fun and supportive environment where they feel safe and welcome. Our programs enable children to grow physically, emotionally, intellectually and socially through a balance of structured play, exploration, learning and group interaction.

We offer homework help for children during the school week. Children travel to and from their school on our supervised buses. We support families at 6 local primary schools.

### SCHOOLS CURRENTLY SERVICED:

- Hannans Road Public School
- Riverwood Public School
- Peakhurst West Public School
- Peakhurst Public School
- St Josephs School Riverwood
- Montessori Riverwood

