

2024 SPRING VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 30 September to Friday 11 October

Before School, After School & Vacation Care for the North Coast



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"In a world gone mad with rules & regulations, we help kids be kids"

HOURS OF OPERATION

7.00am – 6.00pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

During School Holidays & Pupil Free days

On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm.

Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings.

Risk Assessments available upon request.

"WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY"

All Children are required to bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and healthy lunch / snacks.

In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.

In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day.

Personal electronic devices are prohibited.

Please label all clothes. Spending money is optional!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

To book please scan the QR code to be taken directly to our vacation care bookings area where you then select the centre you need and complete the form. Alternatively, go to our website at www.communityoosh.com.au and click the purple box titled "Vacation Care Bookings & Program"



**VACATION CARE BOOKINGS CANNOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE OR BY TEXT MESSAGE.
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO BOOKINGS BEING ACCEPTED.**

Your booking requests will be confirmed by email. Please check that you receive the confirmation from us within 2 working days of submitting. **The minimum notice required to cancel a Vacation Care booking where no charge will apply is 2 weeks notice.** Please note that weekends and Public Holidays are Non Working Days. All bookings not cancelled by this time will be charged at full fee.






FEES: Depending on the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and activity hours a parent is entitled too, the out of pocket costs to parents can range from a few dollars to the full rate shown below. To find out more about the Child Care Subsidy please visit at <https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage> The table below shows the full fee with no Child Care Subsidy along with an example of the out of pocket expense where the highest rate of Child Care Subsidy is applied.

Your fee will vary depending on your own CCS rate and activity hours you receive. Unlike some providers, Community OOSH Services strive to put you and your children first, providing the highest quality care for the lowest possible price. Please note excursions are at an additional cost and vary depending on the excursion. The cost on each excursion are shown on the next page and these costs will have your CCS % applied to substantially reduce excursion costs.

2024 Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approximate out of pocket expenses at 90% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$76	Vacation Care	\$7.60
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$16	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$1.60



MONDAY 30 SEPT	TUESDAY 1 OCT	WEDNESDAY 2 OCT	THURSDAY 3 OCT	FRIDAY 4 OCT
EXCURSION +\$15 MOVIES WILD ROBOT -  <p>Shipwrecked on a deserted island, a robot named Roz must learn to adapt to its new surroundings and to develop a protective bond with nature. THEN... a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the sun! (Optional \$7 Meal Deal pay on the day, cash only).</p>	EXCURSION +\$16 SPRING LOADED <p>Time to turn yourself into a human superball today and go bouncing off the floor, walls and ceiling! (Please wear active clothes and socks!) When that's done, we'll head off for a picnic in the park with your friends to enjoy lots of games, activities and fun!</p> 	IN CENTRE – "SPRING FAIR!" <p>All the fun of the fair is at your fingertips today as we prepare for the ultimate celebration of Spring! Your morning will be spent with your friends designing, setting up and creating your own fairground attractions, rides and stalls! Then, it's off to the fair for a fabulous arvo of fun!</p> 	EXCURSION + \$16 KIDS SPECTACULAR <p>They're....fast! They're... funny! They're....fantastic! They're....BACK! It's the long-awaited return of the most spectacular Street Theatre Event ever to hit Coffs Harbour! With new thrills and new spills, it's a fantastic day of fun and games for all.</p> 	IN CENTRE – GAME ON !  <p>Come with us today on a thrilling journey through a series of "real life" activities inspired by your favourite video games! You and your friends will need to tap into your creativity and problem-solving skills to tackle series of survival games and action-packed challenges that have transcended from the virtual world into reality!!!</p>

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER
PUBLIC HOLIDAY  <p>Closed for Labour Day</p>	EXCURSION + \$17 JETTY THEATRE "THE FISH THAT WANTED TO FLY!"  <p>The magic of puppetry comes to Coffs Harbour in a story about a little fish who has the courage to pursue something even if it seems likely it will never reach it. From there we'll head to the jetty for a picnic lunch, a play and to scavenge the foreshores to see what the ocean has delivered on our doorstep!</p>	EXCURSION +\$16 BIG BANANA WATER PARK & DRY SLIDES  <p>Today we're offering you a choice of either the wet & wild fun of the waterslides (120cm height restriction applies) OR the whiz-bang adrenalin rush of hurtling down the Dry Slides. Either way it's a win! (N.B. come appropriately dressed for your choice) Then, we'll head off for a picnic lunch and play! (Optional \$2 lolly bags available, cash only)</p>	INCURSION + \$12 MULLAWAY CREATIVE <p>We always look forward to a visit from our friends JIMMY WAGS and TULLI STEVENS to inspire the flow of our creative juices and ignite our own artistic flair! Today they'll be teaching you the tricks of the trade! Then all you've got to do to be famous is to grow old and cut your ear off!</p> 	IN CENTRE –"BEFORE TECHNOLOGY!"  <p>Back in 1876 when Alexander Graham Bell spoke his first words into his newly invented "Bell Telephone", he had no idea what his new toy would become in the 21st century! Today we'll hop into the OOSH Time Machine to take a few fun "before and after" looks at some of the major changes to everyday items brought on by advancements in technology !</p>

CHANGES TO FEES - Community OOSH Services always endeavours to provide the highest quality care for your children at an affordable price. The necessity to maintain industry standards and regulations will unfortunately generate a slight increase in fees (shown below) that will take effect from Monday 16 September 2024. The slightly good news for many families is that most of the changes will be covered by the higher CCS percentage that many parents are now receiving. The chart below shows some examples of how these changes may apply.

	NEW RATE	Increase to the out-of-pocket costs at 90% CCS	Increase to the out-of-pocket costs at 80% CCS	Increase to the out-of-pocket costs at 70% CCS
Before School Care	\$22.00	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$0.60
After School Care	\$36.00	\$0.40	\$0.80	\$1.20
Vacation Care	\$76.00	\$1.60	\$3.20	\$4.80

DAVE'S RAVES – THE SELLING OUT OF STANDARDS FROM THOSE WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER! - Our programs are prepared and released weeks out from the holidays. I write this having witnessed the fun, excitement and imaginative engagement of the children heading to school all dressed up for their Book Parades held at schools during Book Week. This "childhood rite of passage" celebration of reading and literacy has been going on in schools since 1945 and is promoted by the Children's Book Council of Australia, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to connecting Aussie kids with books. **SO..** I cannot begin to describe my shock and disappointment when I picked up the morning paper to read an article of sanctimonious drivel written by journalist, author and so-called education professional, Dr Susie O'Brien who was berating (in her words not mine) **"those pious schools putting pressure on time poor parents, expecting and encouraging kids to come dressed as a character from an actual book!"** The rest of article the degenerated from there. Sadly, "Dr." Susie's doctorate is in Education! (it's probably still covered in Cornflakes from the box she got it from!) To shed more light on this genius, she is the author of a book called **"The Secret of Half-Ars%d Parenting"** the only subject I believe she would be an overqualified expert in! **I rest my case!**