



**Playhouse**  
Parent and Childcare Centre

## **Out of School Hours Care 5 years to 12 years Information Sheet**

No matter their personality, your child will love our fantastic Out of School Hours Care program. Whatever they are into - problem-solving, sports, kicking goals, quiet conversation or painting a masterpiece - we've got just the activities to match their personalities. And, with door to door escorted bus transport to get them between school and Playhouse, it couldn't be easier.

### **Our Programs & Activities**

Our programs and activities come highly kid-recommended. We love to continue our connection with your family as your child grows into primary school. Our after school care program has a strong emphasis on physical exercise, learning-based activities and entertainment, with the opportunity to wind down or blow off some steam after a long school day. Your child's input is vital at Playhouse OSHC. We encourage all children to submit requests for the coming days and offer a range of activities such as physical play, construction and art spaces, or relaxing in our chill-out zones. We do our best to accommodate all interests. Our team refer to the curriculum guidelines, My Time, Our Place. Our programming is based on this and displayed for parents.

### **Homework Club**

We have an optional homework club, in a dedicated, sound-proof section of OSHC. It's a quiet space for your child to sit down, focus and study. Two qualified staff members are on hand to tutor and support your child. Participation is always voluntary.

### **Extra-curricular activities**

Your child can choose to be included in regular outings to enjoy UQ's facilities, including:

- basketball courts
- UQ sports field (just next door)
- OSHC's adventure playground (currently under construction next door)

You can read our Extra-Curricular Activities policy for more information.

## **Our Team**

Our OSHC team is superbly led by our OSHC Coordinator. All staff have early childhood experience or are actively studying in the field with an excellent understanding of how best to care for and engage with your child. With a higher than average staff to child ratio of 6 staff for 60 children, we deliver an exceptional OSHC experience.

## **Our Facilities**

All our facilities are brand new and purpose-built. We operate in a large room with a sound-proof divider, just perfect for movie screenings or quiet study time. We have a beautiful veranda where we often enjoy meals and big undercover areas for handball. We are adjacent to the UQ Sports field with unlimited access to this fantastic facility. A new adventure playground is also under construction right next door!

## **Transport**

### **Transporting your child safely to and from Playhouse**

We take travelling by bus at a young age very seriously and have a range of protocols and policies in place to safely escort your child to and from school. We work closely with Ironside State School and have nominated representatives should any child need tracking down. Within the school, there is a designated area where children wait until the bus has parked. Playhouse staff escort all prep children to their classroom in the mornings and collect them from there in the afternoon to catch the first bus.

### **Important note**

Children must arrive at Playhouse by 8 am to allow sufficient travel time to Ironside State School. In the afternoon, we aim to have all children at Playhouse by 3.45pm. Photo roll calls and plenty of staff help to make sure every child is accounted for. The shuttle service makes two trips, in case your child happens to miss the first bus.

### **Bus details**

Bill Baker is our third-party bus company. All Playhouse buses have seatbelts.

### **Meals**

A selection of cereals, toast and seasonal fruit is available for breakfast in the morning. We serve a light snack first thing in the afternoon that caters to all dietary requirements. All meal preparation is in line with our food safety plan, and per Australian nutritional guidelines. We are proud to have a 5-star rating food licence from Brisbane City Council.