

# **Autumn 2025 Vacation Care Program**

# Opening dates 6pm 21st March 2025

# Bookings close 6pm 4th April 2025

#### Centre hours

7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

During vacation care the front gates of the school will remain locked. All access must be via the pedestrian gate on Brush Rd.

#### Fees & Charges

In centre - \$55-\$75 Excursion/incursion - \$65-\$175 Late pick up fee - \$50 first 5 minutes, then \$2 per minute applies for every minute thereafter.

Non-notification fee - \$5 for every session that you don't notify us that your child will be absent.

#### Who can attend?

Children up to 12 years old who are currently enrolled in & attending primary school & Kindergarten children who have completed their first term of school.

#### New Kindergarten children are not taken in January.

A maximum of 45 positions are available each day. First preference is given to children attending Ermington Public School.

#### Wheels/Screens

Children are welcome to bring bikes/scooters and screens. The time of use is at the discretion of the educators. Children may not be permitted to have screen time every day.

All care taken, no responsibility.

#### **Booking & payments**

**Bookings for Ermington families** will commence in Week 7. External families are invited to book from Week 8. Bookings close at 6pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

It can take up to 24 hours to activate a new account & bookings cannot be made until the \$35 membership fee has been paid.

All term fees MUST be paid in full prior to your child coming to Vacation Care.

Read the program carefully as some activities may be age **specific.** No refunds will be given & days are not transferable; bookings will be charged regardless of absence.

**Bookings Close Friday** 4th April 2025

#### **Confirming your booking**

Once you have selected your days online, please complete the permission form & any other requested documents before 6pm 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to;

#### ermingtonoosh@live.com.au Please remember to book this

through the "My Family Lounge" app and use the casual calendar. Until all forms are received no

bookings will be confirmed.

### **Bookings made by NetBank are** only confirmed after payment has been received.

Families on NetBank will need to bring back their receipts and permission forms & any waivers or order forms requested in the program.

Families on Direct Debt will have their accounts debited after Vacation Care, you will also need to bring back your permission forms & any waivers or order forms requested in the program.

## **Program**

The program may be subject to change due to severe or adverse weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. You will be notified of any changes via email or teamapp as early as possible.

#### Allergies & food intolerances

It is the responsibility of the family to notify the centre if your child has an allergy or food intolerances.

Action plans, preventative measures & doctor's correspondence are required to ensure we can maintain a healthy environment for your child.

Medication, including EpiPens are to be given to the Supervisor each day the child is attending the program.

#### **ALL ACTION PLANS AND MEDICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE ATTENDANCE**

Please check the menu each day. If your child does not like what is being prepared, please pack their lunch for them.

#### Meals

Children need to bring a healthy, nut-free, lolly-free lunch and a reusable drink bottle each day, unless specified in the program. The centre provides breakfast until 8.30am & lunch on some in-centre days.

Parents are required to provide afternoon tea every day & lunch on excursion days.

Due to the severity of some children's allergies we endeavour to be egg & nut free. Please do not bring Nutella or Peanut Butter or other nut products. Please check the program for the lunch menu, if your child will not eat what is provided, you will need to provide lunch for them.

## Bring each day.

- 1. Morning tea
- 2. Lunch, unless stated otherwise.
- 3. Afternoon tea
- 4. Hat
- 5. Reusable drink bottle

#### Please assist us by

- Keeping a copy of the program so you know what is happening each day & what you need to bring.
- Signing in and out on the touchscreen iPad every day (this is a legal requirement)
- Notifying the centre before 9am if your child will not be attending on a booked day.
- Dressing children in 'play' appropriate clothes- no thongs or sleeveless shirts / dresses
- Labelling all items
- Keep unwell children at home. If a child attends the service when sick, we are required to send them home.
- Filling out medication forms as necessary/ providing appropriate medication

#### **Excursions**

All excursions are compulsory. To avoid disappointment please ensure children arrive by the requested time as educators do not wait for late arrivals. Children will not be able to make purchases on excursions; please do not send money unless specified in the program.

#### Wear

- Sun smart clothing –
   <u>no singlets or</u>
   <u>sleeveless</u>
   <u>tops/dresses</u>
- Closed in shoes no thongs or sandals.
- Pack a spare change of clothes for water play.
- Bush walking appropriate clothes, when applicable.

Dress your child for the activities, not the weather as children become uncomfortable if overdressed.

#### **Behaviour**

Bullying, bad language & harassment of educators or children will not be tolerated under any circumstances. The Director has the right to refuse further participation of any child whose behaviour is deemed dangerous or inappropriate.

## **Electronic devices**

Children are welcome to bring electronic & hand-held devices. The time of use is at the discretion of the educators. Children may not be permitted to have screen time every day.

All devices are to be placed

in the box on the sign on desk on arrival at the centre. Please ensure your child is aware of these requirements. Bringing these items is at your own risk & the centre will not be held responsible for any lost or damaged equipment.

Please refer to our policy and procedure book at the front of the centre for more information about

## Vacation Care Booking Checklist

Please ensure you have completed the requirements listed below.

- □ Read & understood the information pages
- □ Selected required days on the my family lounge
- □ Completed the Vacation

Care permission form

□ Returned permission form
to the Centre by 4<sup>th</sup> April

2025.

<ul> <li>Advising educators of</li> </ul>	You will be asked to take	electronics and bringing	
infectious diseases or	your child home to change if	them to our centre.	
head lice	they arrive incorrectly		
	<mark>dressed</mark>		

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Monday 14/04/25	In Centre \$65	Туре	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
Today our Educators will say "yes" to all offering a sense of freedom and exciten creativity. Whether it's picking out meals, placehedule, a Yes Day is all about embracing the memories to	children's requests, (within reason). nent, while also fostering trust and lanning activities, or deciding the day's e joy of saying "yes" and making lasting			<ul><li>Hat</li><li>Morning tea</li><li>Lunch</li><li>Afternoon tea</li><li>Water bottle</li></ul>	Provided – Chicken rolls with salads
Tuesday 15/04/25	Excursion \$118	Type	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
A Public Transport Day H  A Public Transport Day with a trip to the beexplore the city and enjoy nature. Today we transport with the children as we venture to city.	otanical gardens is a delightful way to ve will learn about different modes of		9:30am Departure 4:00pm return	<ul><li>Hat</li><li>Morning tea</li><li>Lunch</li><li>Afternoon tea</li><li>Water bottle</li></ul>	Bring your own.
Wednesday 16/04/25	In Centre \$75	Type	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
All things Se  A Day for the Five Senses is a fun, interactiv to explore the world around them through Activities designed to engage a different sen nature's sounds, feeling different texture	e experience that encourages children sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell. se—like tasting new foods, listening to			<ul> <li>Hat</li> <li>Morning tea</li> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Afternoon tea</li> <li>Water bottle</li> </ul>	Provided – Fried Rice

Thursday 17/04/25	Excursion \$104.2	Type	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
Taronga Z  Take a trip with us to our famous Taronga Zoo. our native and worldly animals. Get ready to str overlooking the Sydne	This day is all about learning about oll around the zoo and enjoy lunch		8:45am Departure 3:30pm Return	<ul> <li>Hat</li> <li>Morning tea</li> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Afternoon tea</li> <li>Water bottle</li> </ul>	Bring your own.
Tuesday 22/04/25	In centre \$70	Type	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
Willy Wonka Step into a world of pure imagination with ou whimsical adventure brings the magic of Roald with candy-colored fun and creative activities. factory-inspired wonderland, where they can n treasure hunts, and enjoy interactive games th Wonka's world	r Willy Wonka-Themed Day! This I Dahl's beloved story to life, filled Children will explore a chocolate nake their own sweets, embark on nat celebrate the wonder of Willy			<ul> <li>Hat</li> <li>Morning tea</li> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Afternoon tea</li> <li>Water bottle</li> </ul>	Provided – OOSH made pizza

Wednesday 23/04/25	Excursion \$133	Type	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
Pots, Pans and Embark on a fun and hands-on Excursion to adventure involves the children heading a pot hands dirty and create their own clay madecorate their pieces with the help of the archildren to explore their creativity, imagination create somethin.	o Pinta Crafts with us! This exciting ottery studio where they can get their sterpieces. The children will get to rtists. It's the perfect opportunity for n and develop fine motor skills as they		9:00am Departure 3:00pm Return	<ul> <li>Hat</li> <li>Morning tea</li> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Afternoon tea</li> <li>Water bottle</li> </ul>	Bring your own
Thursday 24/04/25	Incursion \$98	Туре	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Creative Arts Workshop  Join us for a vibrant and engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Creative Arts Workshop for children! This hands-on experience introduces young minds to the		<b>(</b>		<ul><li>Hat</li><li>Morning tea</li><li>Lunch</li><li>Afternoon tea</li><li>Water bottle</li></ul>	Bring your own
rich cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torre traditions. Guided by Indigenous artists an					

creativity, cultural awareness, and apprection and educational opportunity for kids Strait islander culture, while expressin  Monday 28/04/25	to connect with Aboriginal and Torres	Туре	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
Sports Day  Get ready for a day full of energy, excitement, and friendly competition at our Sports Day! This action-packed event will have children participating in a variety of fun and challenging activities, from sprints and relay races to tug-of-war and obstacle courses. It's all about encouraging a love for physical activity, fostering sportsmanship, and most importantly, having a blast!				<ul> <li>Hat</li> <li>Morning tea</li> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Afternoon tea</li> <li>Water bottle</li> </ul>	Provided – Chicken Skewers with Roasted Veggies
Tuesday 29/04/24	Excursion \$86	Туре	Departure & return	Bring	Lunch
Bush Walk/Picnic – Field of Mars  Join us for a thrilling Bush Walk Day, where children can connect with nature and explore the great outdoors! This exciting adventure takes kids on a guided walk-through lush forests, scenic trails, and natural landscapes in the field of mars. Along the way, they'll learn about local wildlife, plants and talk about preserving the environment. It's the perfect chance for children to develop a love for nature, foster curiosity, and enjoy the fresh air while getting active in the wild!			9:45am Departure 1:45pm Return	<ul> <li>Hat</li> <li>Morning tea</li> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Afternoon tea</li> <li>Water bottle</li> <li>Wear Suitable clothing for Bush walking</li> </ul>	Bring your own

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# **Autumn 2025 VACATION PROGRAM PERMISSION FORM**



1. Child's Name:	Age:	School Year:	2. Child's Name:	Age:	School Year:
3 Child's Name:	Age:	School Year:	4. Child's Name:	Age:	School Year:

## I hereby give my permission for my child/ren to attend the excursions on the dates I have signed below:

Date	Activity	Location	Travel Method	Departure and Return Time	Attending please sign
15/04/25	Public	Royal Botanical Gardens	Bus / Ferry/	9:30am Departure	
	Transport/Botanical		Train	4:00pm Return	
	Gardens				
17/04/25	Taronga Zoo	Bradley's Head Rd,	Bus	8:45am Departure	
		Mosman		3:30pm Return	
23/04/25	Pottery	62 Atchinson St St	Bus	9:00am Departure	
		Leonards		3:00pm Return	
29/04/25	Field of Mars	Pittwater Rd East Ryde	Bus	9:45am Departure	
				1:45pm Return	

Ρ	lease tick the boxes below to acknowledge you have read and agree with them:
	□ I understand that a Risk Assessment has been completed prior to the event and is available to me upon request
	□ I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment (Netbank) & return this permission form by 4th of April 2025 will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled
	□ I will provide morning tea & afternoon tea everyday & lunch when it states to. I understand that I will be invoiced if the centre must provide my child with food.
	□ I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Ermington OOSH, relevant to the delivery of Vacation Care □ I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in to attend on that day
	□ I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure my child/ren is/are at the Centre 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time on excursion days. I understand that I will need to make alternate care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive late

Parent/Guardian Name:	Signature:	Date:
I agree to support the centre in implementing the Sun Protection P and covered shoes & socks	Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing	with sleeves & collar, hat

Please note that the program is subject to change dependent upon enrolment numbers and weather conditions.

Please ensure children bring a hat, drink bottle and shoes suitable for activities each day.

Children will be supervised by staff in Centre at a minimum ratio of 1 to 15 and 1 to 10 on excursions.

Water excursions require a minimum 1 to 5 ratios.

The anticipated number of children attending each day is approximately 0 to 45. Completed Risk Assessments relevant to all activities are available for your information.

Bookings will open Week 7 of Term 1, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025, just after 6pm via the casual calendar on the Family lounge app and close on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Please note once bookings have closed, no changes can be made to bookings, and no more positions will be available.

Please not if bookings aren't out at exactly 6pm, they should be out shortly after as our team cannot guarantee the exact time.