

Mawson Lakes School OSHC

Service Aims and Philosophy

CENTRE PHILOSOPHY

Mawson Lakes OSHC aims to provide high quality recreational care for primary school age children, in a friendly and comfortable environment while their parents work, study or have respite. In accordance with the school and community needs the service provides Before School Care, After School Care, Pupil Free Days, and Vacation Care.

We believe that Out of School Hours Care is a valuable and integral part of Mawson Lakes School and the local community. We believe that it is a place where children can have fun, are able to play together, have time to learn new and useful skills through thoughtful programming and planning, and are able to develop friendships and positive interactions with other children and educators. We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional owners of this land and strive to support them, their culture and unique role in the life of this region. We want to embrace the diversity of our families and do all that we can to help them feel welcomed in our OSHC community.

In order to meet these beliefs we ensure that Mawson Lakes OSHC is a safe, stimulating and caring environment. We take pride in employing diverse educators with a wide range of skills and talents who provide a range of challenging and rewarding activities in a relaxing and comfortable environment. Children are encouraged to contribute to our program and philosophy, which grows and changes as our centre's needs change. We strive to show the importance of our natural environment and emphasize our effect on the planet, as well as encourage good health and hygiene practices. We appreciate the resources our school offers which we are able to use, such as the Denison Centre, computer rooms, Science/Multimedia room, classrooms for homework, playgrounds and vast outside area.

Mawson Lakes OSHC encourages communication and social interactions by promoting group activities while recognizing individual needs. Educators encourage children to listen and respect the feelings of others, while also teaching leadership and responsibility. We hope to instill compassion while problem solving which leads to lasting behaviour and thoughtful habits from the children.

At Mawson Lakes OSHC we aim to be affordable, accessible and address the needs of families in the local community. We encourage all parents to participate in the service and we respect families' rights to have a voice in the decision making. We use community resources such as Inclusive Directions, Novita, Intervac, DECD and many others to help establish a diverse and well-supported centre in many areas. Feedback from children, parents and community resource groups help us to continually improve and grow. Mawson Lakes School Governing Council is the License Holder for the centre. The centre has an OSHC Parent Committee which reports to the Governing Council. Parents are welcomed to participate in the OSHC Committee and are encouraged to give input on all aspects of OSHC matters.