



EARLWOOD CARING FOR KIDS INC.

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2024 New Families (non-kindy) - General Information Sheet

Earlwood Caring for Kids Inc. (ECFKI) is a community-based, not-for-profit service managed by a volunteer parent committee. We operate before and after school care for the students of Earlwood Public School.

ECFKI is located in the school grounds, on the corner of Richard Ave and Boomerang St, down from the nature playground. We are currently licensed for 125 children per session and cannot exceed these numbers.

ECFKI in allocating places for care follows the strict Priority of access guidelines set by the Department of Education and Training and service policy.

Contact information

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Hours of Operation

Before school care:

7:00am – 9:00am

After school care:

3:00pm – 6:00pm

We do not operate during the school holidays, public holidays or pupil free days (EPS uses 'Team Kids' for vacation care- www.teamkids.com.au). Vacation care is also available through Clemton Park OOSH.

2024 Fees

Membership fee: 1 child- \$40, 2 children- \$45, 3 children- \$50, 4 children- \$55 (paid annually regardless of start date). Membership includes a sun safe hat to keep at the centre.

Before school care (BSC) permanent -\$21.00

Casual- \$24.00

After school care (ASC) permanent -\$25.00

Casual- \$28.00

*A permanent booking is for a minimum of a term and is for the same sessions each week. A casual booking is a one-off and is subject to availability.

Non-Notification Fee - \$10.00 per session (where the service is not notified that a child is absent for care)

Late Collection Fee - \$3.00 per minute per child for the first 15 minutes. Then \$15.00 for the next 15 minutes or part thereof.

Child Care Subsidy-

All families have to be registered for a My Gov account and have completed a Childcare Subsidy assessment in order to use this service (regardless of intention to claim a subsidy). This assessment means that families may be eligible for Child Care Subsidy (income tested).

This subsidy is sent to the service directly which means that families may be eligible to pay reduced fees. It is important for new families to have their My Gov account set up & linked to Centrelink when their child is

about to attend our service. More information can be found at education.gov.au/childcare & www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy.

- Please note- families will receive a full fees policy & family handbook upon enrolment.

Our Program- is based on play & recreation, is child directed & focuses on the outcomes in 'My Time Our Place' (A framework for school aged care). We offer a variety of daily activities including craft, cooking, science, gardening, group games, sports & life skills. The program is based on the children's needs, interests & suggestions and educators evaluate the program on a consistent basis with the aim of continual improvement. Parent participation, feedback & suggestions are always welcome.

Our Menu- Breakfast is available every morning from 7.30am to 8.20am. There is a variety of healthy cereals available as well as toast, muffins, raisin bread, fresh fruit and yoghurt. Milk & water is also available.

Afternoon tea is based on the Australian Dietary Guidelines and varies from week to week. Typical menu items include pasta bake, sandwiches, yoghurt & muesli, curry, baked potatoes & rice cakes. A variety of fruit & vegetables is also available every afternoon.

Our Educators- Currently, ECFKI has a permanent team of 11 staff and 7 casuals. All permanent staff is trained in child care or teaching, have first aid, safe food handling, child protection & asthma and anaphylaxis management certification. All employees have a current approved working with children check.

Other important information-

- ECFKI is a **separate** service to the school; hence separate enrolment, paperwork & communication is required at the time of enrolment.
- For children with health care needs, additional paperwork (and medication if applicable) will be required prior to children starting at the centre.
- The enrolment process begins by completing an expression of interest form (found on our website) & emailed back to the service. Forms will be accepted, by email only, from **Monday 13 November 2023**. Forms sent before this date will not be accepted or considered. A photo of a completed form also cannot be accepted.
- Once the expression of interest form has been received, families will be emailed an enrolment pack if there is a place available, with all forms & information required.
- All families will know by the end of the 2023 school year (December 15) what sessions they have been allocated and which they may be on the waiting list for.
- If you have applied once the 2024 school year has begun, you will be notified when a place becomes available.
- For further service information, visit our website- www.caringforkids.org.au.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

