

# The Aims of Wahroonga After School Care Inc.



## For the centre:

- To provide a safe, clean, nurturing, and stimulating environment.
- To provide a diverse range of nutritious food and encourage healthy eating habits by role modeling and providing information.
- To provide programs designed to cater to all the children's age, skill, interests and abilities through a variety of challenging, recreational activities.
- To provide a high quality child focused centre.
- To provide an environment in which children, parents and educators can feel relaxed and welcome at all times.
- To provide equipment and facilities that are age/ stage appropriate.
- To provide suitable facilities.
- To foster a sense of inclusion for all children and families at the centre.

## For the children:

- To encourage individual interests and life skills.
- To assist in the development children's independence, self help skills and self esteem.
- To provide opportunities, experiences and activities where children can use self expression.
- To provide an environment in which children can play, share, socialise and learn about themselves and their peers.
- To help children appreciate and respect others and their differences.
- To develop and implement a mixed program that is stimulating, interesting, age appropriate and culturally diverse.

## For the parents:

- To encourage and promote open lines of communication with the centre, it's management and the educators.
- To cater for the needs of parents who are working, looking for work, studying or who need care occasionally ( including being open for the hours that allow parents time to travel.)
- To keep all parents informed of what is happening in the centre and the changes from government departments.
- To ensure that parents are able to provide input and feedback on activities and opportunities that the centre provides through employing appropriate communication strategies.

**For the educators:**

- To help develop mutual respect, courtesy and understanding for all.
- To help children understand, cope and express in appropriate ways through effective communication and role modeling of appropriate behaviours.
- To be approachable to all parents.
- To nurture and be sensitive to the needs and requirements of the persons attending the centre.
- To provide training to allow our staff access to continued professional development and knowledge in areas relevant to the work they undertake and the ability to cope with different situations.
- To provide a stimulating work environment.

**For the community:**

- To build and develop a sense of community and continue to grow our relationship with the broader school and the local community.
- To develop communication with community services and other government departments.
- To be sensitive to the needs of the surrounding residents and respectful of all cultural differences.