



St Brendan's Childcare Centre

Where Learning is Child's Play!



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Welcome to Our Centre

Our fully air-conditioned Centre is a unique and special place where children and their families play and learn in safe and friendly surroundings. Enrol your child at our Centre, and gain all the positive benefits that flow from having your child in high quality early learning childhood care.

Our child care centre provides a focus on early learning and preparation for school, including the Government approved Kindergarten program, as well as the care and nurture so important for very young children. We consider all attributes of the child: physical, intellectual, social and emotional.

We also help to make life easier for you by offering a nutritious meals service and touch screen sign-in and sign-out so that dropping off and picking up your child is as smooth as possible.

We have carefully designed and planned our Centre to thoroughly cater for all the needs of young children and to fully comply with the latest National Quality Standards and Regulations. The Centre is fully approved by State and Federal authorities, providing security and peace of mind for families whose children are in our care.

Fully supervised developmental programs are provided for each age group in accordance with the Early Years Learning Framework. Qualified and experienced staff are carefully selected and trained for each position at our Centre.

The Centre is also part of a family owned group of child care centres in southeast Queensland known as Childcare Solutions. By enrolling at our Centre, you gain all the advantages of being part of one of Australia's leading child care service providers. But we pride ourselves on maintaining a homely, personalised service at all of our Centres to ensure we meet all the individual needs of each family.

Parents are welcome at any time to visit the Centre or spend time with their children and have the opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities should they wish to do so.

We would be delighted to answer any queries or provide further information should you wish to contact us. We look forward to being of service to you.



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About Our Centre

How many children will be at the Centre?

The number of children varies in each group depending on the age of the children. There are only a maximum of 10 in the youngest age groups and up to 22 in the older groups. The numbers are set by government regulations.

How much will it cost?

That depends on your percentage of subsidy under the Child Care Benefit (CCB) scheme and the amount reimbursed to you under the Child Care Rebate. Your CCB percentage is calculated on the basis of your gross family income. If you haven't yet been assessed, you simply lodge an application form or telephone Centrelink and they advise what percentage you're entitled to. We simply charge you the difference between our total fee and the subsidy and we claim the subsidy from the Government on your behalf.

What do the children do while they're at the Centre?

Due to our focus on early learning and preparation for school, we carefully plan each day's program that your child attends. The program for each group of children is especially designed to cater for the developmental needs of the group and for each child individually. Staff carefully monitor and record the progress of each child in each of their areas of development. This information is then evaluated and used to plan ongoing activities to further support each child in each area.

Do children take long to settle in?

Every child has his or her own special way of adapting to being placed in care, but most children settle in very quickly with the assistance of our experienced and caring staff. We welcome phone calls from parents to check on their children's progress during the settling in period, or at any other time if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

How many days per week do I have to book?

Bookings can be made for any number of days per week. However, it is generally recommended that you book at least two days per week to ensure that your child is receiving enough contact with the staff and the other children to establish good relationships, to settle in properly and receive the full benefits of the special developmental programs we offer.

Do I have to have permanent booked days?

Generally, bookings are for the same days each week as casual or occasional care can only be provided if there is a vacancy in a particular age group on the day you wish to bring your child.

How are fees paid?

Fees are paid weekly or fortnightly in advance. You may pay by credit card, direct deposit via internet banking or by automatic direct debit. The first fortnight of care is paid on commencement at the Centre.

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General Information



Hours of Operation

6.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday, all year round – closed only on weekends and public holidays.

Age Groups

We cater for children from 15 months to 12 years. Lead Educators in the groups hold an approved Diploma of Children's Services qualification and where required are assisted by Educators who hold an approved Certificate III in Children's Services qualification. The Centre is registered by the Queensland Government for an Approved Kindergarten Program undertaken by a Kindergarten Teacher who holds an approved Degree in Early Childhood qualification.

Booking Fee

Once you are offered a place, we ask for a bond to secure your booking. The bond is refunded on leaving the Centre if all fees are up to date.

Daily Fees

The Centre will provide the Federal Government's "Childcare Benefit" subsidy for which many parents will be eligible. Parents eligible for a further subsidy, the Child Care Rebate, can also have this paid to the Centre which will further reduce their weekly fees. The fees payable will then depend on the Childcare Benefit subsidy, Child Care Rebate, the number of days booked and the group in which a child is enrolled. Applications for Childcare Benefit and Child Care Rebate should be made with Centrelink on 136 150. If you have not already been assessed, we would strongly recommend that you contact Centrelink as soon as possible if you are likely to require childcare in the near future.

What to Bring

Children will require a change of clothes, a set of sheets (cot size), a hat, and under 2½ years, disposable nappies, trainer pants etc as required. Our nutritious meals service provides for all your child's needs as part of your daily fees. Full details about our Centre are contained in the Centre Handbook provided upon enrolment.



Learning Programs

We strongly believe all children within our care deserve to be nurtured and educated to ensure they have the best possible start in life and preparation for their school years. Our programs lay the foundations upon which all of our children's learning is built.

From birth, children begin to learn and this continues throughout their lives. We consider all attributes of the child: physical, intellectual, social and emotional and work in partnership with families to help to nurture and develop children in all of these areas.

Our programs are developed in accordance with the Early Years Learning Framework and are based on the children's interests. By providing a 'Child Directed Program' in which children have the opportunity to select their activities based on current interests, the children develop a positive self concept and increased confidence.

Activities are planned to support and further develop their interests and skills. In this way, children are developing and learning, through play, many of the skills and attributes they need, including:

- how to interact with others,
- how to work as a team,
- solving problems and conflicts,
- building confidence and self-esteem and,
- developing independence.

The children's numeracy, language and literacy skills are also developed through particular activities and play, such as solving puzzles, word games, stories, music and art which are very important parts of our program.

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For older age groups, the evaluations are formulated into detailed kindergarten and pre-prep programs. This 'whole child' approach helps to ensure full school readiness when the time comes. All of the programs are, however, also designed to be fun and creative learning experiences as children learn best when at play.

Activities such as singing, painting, water play, reading, art and craft and outdoor play are every day occurrences. These experiences are enhanced by our Centres' wide range of modern equipment and resources such as computers which are constantly updated.



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