

# St Patrick's

## *Our Service Philosophy*



At St Patrick's Outside School Hours Care (OSHC), we aim to make sure we provide a welcoming, safe and nurturing environment that allows children to develop and build on their relationships with their peers and educators, explore their creativity and imagination and build on the school values. We work with the primary school to make sure that we create a smooth transition to and from school, to help maintain a sense of routine and reliability.

Alongside the children, the Educators make a conscious effort to plan and facilitate a range of different activities and experiences. We make sure these experiences promote learning through play and encourage children to be creative and use their imagination. We always aim to help children become confident learners and understand the importance of the child's voice.

The Educators encourage indoor and outdoor play - this way the children have a choice where they would like to spend their time at OSHC.

We share the core values of St Patrick's Primary School, which are Respect, Resilience and Responsibility, along with the Y Ballarat's values of Honesty, Respect, Caring and Responsibility.

At our program we live by the Y's vision of "A better world with and for young people". We endeavour to do this by encouraging children to have a voice, as well as engaging them in Safeguarding activities so they are informed and empowered by their rights.

Our Educators build and maintain positive relationships with families and the community. We believe that children should have fun at OSHC and are safe at all times.

Educators at St Patrick's OSHC are committed to continuous improvement in their own learning, which includes enhancing understanding of diversity and inclusive practices and incorporating First Nations' perspectives.

We aim to spend as much time as we can on Country and learning about the environment.

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