

# Service Philosophy

Golden Grove Lutheran School Out of School Hours Care offers the community a fun, caring and secure environment which caters for the social, emotional, physical, cultural and developmental needs of children, based on Christian values.

The service is maintained in accordance with the National Regulations and Standards for Out of School Hours Care.

**GGOSH believes in the following principles:**

- **Play, learn, grow**

We believe in providing Christian care to the children who attend the service, by role modelling Christian beliefs and values such as service to one another, practice daily grace before meals, providing nurturing and fellowship and opportunities to learn and practice life skills. We believe that through interesting and constructive play children can develop their creative, cognitive and social skills and thus grow in knowledge, maturity and self-confidence. Our School's Motto provides a fitting complement: "Learning for Life in the Light of Christ."

- **Trust and mutual respect**

We believe that trust and mutual respect underpin all relationships at our Service – among children, between children and adults and among adults. Relationships based on trust and mutual respect, promote the physical and psychological wellbeing of children.

- **Active and healthy**

We believe that physically and mentally active children are healthy children. We also promote the importance of healthy eating.

- **Inclusion, participation and collaboration**

We believe in equity, fairness and teamwork. We acknowledge that children at our Service are diverse in ages, abilities and circumstances. We make all feel welcome and encourage everyone to have a go at individual and team activities. We recognise that children's families are their first and most influential teachers and therefore collaborate between educators and families about matters affecting their children.

- **Improvement**

We believe in the regular review of our policies, procedures and programs so as to improve the services we provide to children and families and welcome constructive feedback.

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# Our Goals

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GGOSH has a number of goals on which our service is based. These goals are based on the outcomes for children as outlined in the Australian Government's *My Time, Our Place – Framework for School Age Care in Australia*. Our goals are to encourage children to:

- **Have a strong sense of identity** – GGOSH aims to provide a safe and supportive environment in which children can continue to develop an understanding of themselves and others, and to grow in confidence and empathy through opportunities for problem-solving and cooperation.
- **Be connected with and contribute to their world** – GGOSH aims to encourage children to develop a sense of community belonging and an awareness of the need for them to participate constructively in social groups and activities. GGOSH also seeks to foster in children an appreciation of fair play and an understanding of and respect for the differences between people.
- **Have a strong sense of wellbeing** – GGOSH seeks to promote the physical and psychological wellbeing of children by maintaining a happy, interesting and safe environment, and to have children take increasing responsibility for their own health and wellbeing through informative discussion and active play.
- **Be confident and involved learners** – GGOSH aims to cater for the creativity and curiosity of children so that they enjoy learning and to provide opportunities for them to think and communicate about what they have learnt.
- **Be effective communicators** – GGOSH seeks to enhance the ability of children to express themselves confidently and meaningfully in different ways and for a variety of purposes, and to increase their capacity to understand communications by others

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