

WELCOME TO OUR PATCH!

A Patch for Every Child to Grow!

We are thrilled to be introducing Our Patch to your school community. Our Patch is a fresh provider in the education and care space, which has been meticulously designed from the ground up to give children voice and offer them a safe place of wonder in which to **GROW!**



A new kind of Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program for your school community

Together we create a safe and interactive program by listening to your children's needs then connecting those needs to the values of your school.

Our Promise

Voice

The voice of every child, the foundation of each tailored program running in every session.

Value

Time is precious. When children are in the care of Our Patch, we focus on each minute being spent on engaging, developmental experiences with intention.

Excellence

Each session is measured on outcomes. A level of excellence enabled by great leadership and connectedness to our community

Before & After School Care

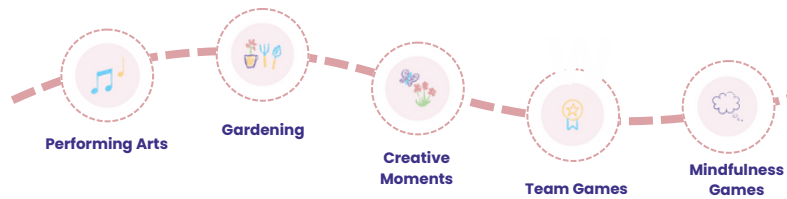
It is our aim to grow and develop grounded and respectful children, brimming with confidence, who are true to themselves, and have a keen commitment to each other and shared community values.

Holiday Programs

Our Patch Holiday Programs aim to bolster your child's growth with engaging and diverse experiences that are sure to spark wonder and fun during the school holidays.

Our Activities and Programs

Our Patch adds real value in each activity we offer children. We present a wide array of activities to spark imagination and foster creativity in every individual Patch.



Our Values



Grounded

A true awareness of self with a balance of calmness, humility and honesty.



Relationships

A caring community minded team that requires great leadership and exceptional connectedness to children, families, schools and each other.



Ownership

By our very nature of pride and satisfaction, we promote autonomy, empowerment and personal ownership with each role we play at Our Patch.



Wonder

A journey of discovery through magic and imagination that allows for creativity and laughter each and every day



Our Patch Newstead

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Session	Hours	Full Fees		Fees After 90% CCS*	
		Permanent	Casual	Permanent	Casual
After School Care	3.30pm – 6.00pm	\$24.00	\$27.25	\$2.40	\$2.72
Pupil Free Day	7.30am – 6.00pm	-	\$59.95	-	\$5.99

Fees and hours of operation as at Term 1, 2024 and may be subject to change

Enrolments

Enrolling with Our Patch is completely free of charge. We highly recommend enrolling even if you don't believe you require the service.

Once your child is enrolled our team will be able to care for your child even in an emergency or if you are unable to collect your child from school in time.

Enrolments can be made at www.ourpatch.education or via the QR code



Bookings & Cancellations

Our Patch uses the OWNA Child Care Management System.

Once enrolment is complete, bookings and cancellations can be managed online, via the OWNA app, in service or by contacting our Customer Care team.

After School Care

Bookings can be made online or via the app anytime up to 12:00pm the same day for After School Care. To make a booking after this time, please contact your service directly or our Customer Care team on **1300 018 310**.

To avoid any out of pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least **48 hours** prior to the session. Any cancellations made within this 48 hour period will incur the total fee for the program, less any Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Permanent bookings are defined as any ongoing bookings on any day of at least two consecutive weeks. Any other bookings are considered casual.

Pupil Free Days

Bookings can be made online or via the app anytime up to 5:00pm the day before the session. To make a booking after this time, please contact your service directly or our Customer Care team on **1300 018 310**.

To avoid any out of pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least **48 hours** prior to the session. Any cancellations made within this 48 hour period will incur the total fee for the program on that day, less any Child Care Subsidy (CCS) rebate.

Food & Nutrition

Our Patch will serve a variety of nutritious foods and snacks during sessions in line with PANOSH guidelines.

Breakfast will be served during Pupil Free Days. Afternoon Tea will be served during After School Care and Pupil Free Days. Families will be required to pack lunch for Pupil Free Days.

Please note that all Our Patch services are **nut free**. Please advise of any other food allergies, food intolerances or cultural food requirements for your child at the time of enrolment.

*Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Child Care Subsidy, also referred to as CCS, offers different levels of financial support to assist families with the costs associated with childcare, including Before School Care, After School Care and Holiday Program.

Families may be eligible to have up to 90% of their fees covered by CCS. CCS is paid directly to Our Patch, meaning that families are only required to pay the remainder, or 'Gap Fee'.

All of our Our Patch services are CCS approved, so we encourage all families to find out whether they are eligible.

There is occasionally a delay in CCS being connected to new services of up to 6 weeks. This is out of Our Patch's control and should a delay be expected, Our Patch will notify families and provide information to assist families to manage costs and avoid any overpayments.

How it is calculated

How much you receive depends on your individual circumstances and is calculated using the following information:

- Your combined family income
- Your level of activity
- Your child care providers hourly rate

You can use the Centrelink Payment and Service Finder to calculate your estimated entitlement.

To obtain the Child Care Subsidy

- Have or register for a myGov Account. If you don't have a myGov account go to <https://my.gov.au/> and select Create a myGov account.
- Once you are in your myGov Account, link your account to Centrelink and complete the registration process.
- Complete your Child Care Subsidy Assessment
- Confirm your enrolment with current child care provider

Once you have booked your child into care you must then log back into your MyGov account to confirm your bookings with the provider. All steps must be followed to ensure that you receive your CCS entitlements and not charged the full fees.

Additional Childcare Subsidy (ACCS)

In some circumstances, families may be eligible for the Additional Childcare Subsidy (ACCS). ACCS covers up to 100% of the costs of Childcare.

For more information on the Child Care Subsidy, please contact the Centrelink Family line on **13 61 50**

Billing & Payments

Fees will be automatically debited every week in arrears from the bank account or credit card provided at enrolment. Please note that declined payments may result in dishonour fees or enrolment suspensions. Statements can be viewed online or via the app.

Late Pick-up Fee

Families may incur a fee of \$15 per child for the initial 15 minutes, followed by an additional \$1 per child for each subsequent minute beyond the scheduled session closure time.