



**PULTENEY**

# Pulteney Grammar School OSHC

## Philosophy Statement

*Pulteney Grammar School's Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program aims to provide high quality leisure program centred on children's interests that complements the care provided within the family and supports the values of the school and the community.*

### Children

*Each child is important and has individual needs and rights. We believe that children have a right to:*

- feel safe and secure, both physically and emotionally;
- express their ideas, creativity and feelings naturally and responsibly;
- a nurturing, caring environment which fosters and extends their talents and interests, and adopts the principles of equal opportunity and social justice in a relaxing and recreational manner;
- a well-balanced program based on the My Time Our Place framework which addresses all aspects of the child – physical, social, emotional, cognitive, creative and language.

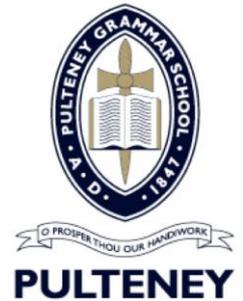
*We aim to encourage:*

- the application of the relevant Strategic Directions objectives of the school.
- a sense of self-worth;
- the development of stable, caring relationships with staff and other children;
- the development of independence, interdependence and personal responsibility;
- an awareness and understanding of differences in culture, language, gender, age needs and ability;
- the development of problem solving, negotiation and self-help skills;
- an awareness and respect for our environment;
- Students with special and diverse range of needs to be involved in the program.

### Families

*We aim to support parents/guardians in their role as primary caregivers and educators by:*

- welcoming them into Pulteney OSHC;
- encouraging their involvement and participation in the centre;
- respecting and accommodating their child-rearing practices;
- exchanging information with parents/caregivers about their child;
- providing information about other relevant appropriate family and children's services



## Educators and Volunteers

*To ensure provision of quality childcare, our educators:*

- recognise children as individuals and understand their individual needs;
- provide a stimulating environment through developmentally appropriate programs based on the children's interests & ideas;
- work as flexible members of a team;
- will be sensitive to the needs of families and the community and be able to respond to these needs through open communication.

*We are committed to providing:*

- professional development to increase the educator's knowledge & skills;
- opportunities to be involved in decision making;
- opportunities for feedback;
- an environment which is supportive of the individual worker, especially in relation to their physical, professional and emotional needs.

## Community

*Our service will:*

- promote awareness and knowledge of the need for and value of quality school age care setting;
- participate with other community groups (other OSHC services & ELC), agencies and services to share resources and develop a support network;
- endeavour to remain aware of and respond to, where possible, the changing needs within our community;
- be sensitive to the wide range of social and cultural backgrounds of the community it serves.