



Young Adventurers Early Childhood Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for registering your interest in our Early Childhood programs.

We are a 40 Place Education and Care Centre, offering both child care and a Funded 4 year old Kindergarten Program. We are located at 24 Yana Street Swan Hill and first opened in July 2015.

Our Centre caters for children aged from 6 weeks to 6 years and is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

Comprising three separate rooms with individual bathrooms and adjoining large playgrounds children are grouped 6weeks to 3 years; 3 to 4 years and 4 years or older in our separate Kindergarten room.

We purposely chose our site because of the abundance of open natural play spaces and the homely feel that exists. Marg is a Degree qualified Early Childhood Teacher and has 20 years experience providing education and care programs to children in the Swan Hill area. Set on 2 acres of established lawns, trees and gardens and well back from the main road children will find themselves immersed in a multitude of indoor and outdoor experiences that support their natural curiosity of the world, learning through a play based curriculum under the support and guidance of qualified and experienced educators. Our playgrounds are specifically designed to promote physical activity and provide opportunities for rich learning experiences.

Educators at Young Adventurers have been carefully selected to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to facilitate education and care programs. Our educators are provided with regular training to ensure they are up-to-date with current practice and are able to meet the needs of the children and families using our service.

We also have a strong relationship with local training providers and at times may host early childhood students during the practical component part of their course. We see this as an important part of demonstrating our high quality programs and supporting students to achieve best practice therefore improving outcomes for young children across the sector. Students are interviewed prior to placement and are required to have a current working with children check if over 18 years of age.

Our centre cook provides nutritionally balanced meals from our fully equipped kitchen and can cater for a variety of children's dietary needs. Our menu plan is prepared two weeks in advance and parent suggestions of appropriate menu ideas are always welcome. It is important that you indicate on your enrolment form if your child has any specific dietary requirements including all allergies or intolerances. Supporting medical documentation is required for any allergies, asthma or other medical conditions.

To ensure your child is comfortable and dry whilst playing both indoors and outdoors please pack a clean change of clothes. It is a good idea to set aside some 'day care' clothes for your child as they may come home with paint, dirt, sand, water or mud on them. If you have an appointment or special occasion to attend you are welcome to arrive a few minutes early to dress your child in more appropriate clothes. Appropriate footwear is also important. Please refrain from sending your child in loose fitting shoes as these will limit your child's ability to participate in all of our experiences safely. In winter we welcome some wet weather shoes such as gum boots in the children's bags for outdoor fun.

To ensure a smooth transition into our service families are encouraged to meet their child's educator and tour our centre prior to starting.

As part of the Federal Government's Child Care Reforms a new Child Care Subsidy system was introduced in 2019 to help parents with the cost of Childcare across Australia. These changes will affect the amount of subsidy that families may receive towards the cost of child care or Kindergarten. Families will need to make contact with Services Australia (formally Centrelink) to ascertain the amount of assistance they may receive then contact our centre to confirm any increase or decrease in their child care/kindergarten fees.

Please complete the attached enrolment application documents and return them to our service by email or post. Unless we have contacted you to confirm a placement these forms are not confirmation of a placement they are a formal application. Due to overwhelming demand we currently have a waiting list for both child care and kindergarten in 2020 - see below for more information regarding allocation of placements.

If you require more information please contact us on 03 50329729 or visit our website www.youngadventurers.com.au we also have a public facebook group where we update information regularly however children's names and identities are not published on this group and we ask that parents respect the privacy of children and families if posting comments on the group.

Yours sincerely, Marg & Scott Hartshorn

Sometimes, there may be a waiting list for Child Care or Kindergarten services.

To help ensure the system is fair, the Australian Government provides recommendations of how places can be allocated. These are recommendations only. There is no current Legislation on priority order for enrolments.

Due to the complexity of the new Childcare Subsidy system our Service can only provide enrolment to families who can demonstrate a current approval for Childcare Subsidy from Services Australia including confirmation/evidence of up to date immunisations as per the Victorian Government's 'No Jab, No Play' Legislation.

For more information please refer to the following links or contact our Service directly:

Applying for childcare subsidy ccs approval

<https://www.education.gov.au/applying-child-care-subsidy-ccs-approval>

Victorian State Government Department of Health 'No Jab, No Play' Legislation

https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children/no-jab-no-play/~/_link.aspx?id=66D7E639098B41B38166F880653BAA0C&z=z