



Out of School Care Parent Newsletter

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Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Ltd

COVID-19: Absences

A few families are questioning the number of absences that are appearing on statements as they are currently not being counted. After investigation, we have been informed of the following:

“At this stage the CCS system is still being updated to process these absences which is why they are still currently counting towards a family’s 42 allowable absence days. Once the system has been updated, any absences submitted during the period your service is located in a Commonwealth-declared COVID hotspot, will not count towards a family’s 42 days. Any absences that go over the 42 allowable absence days, will be backdated by CCS.”

If you log in to your my.gov.au account and view your absences, this will show the number of absences prior to lockdown as well as ‘special purpose absences’. These absences are the absences acquired during lockdown and will not count toward your total 42 allowable absences for the year. They will show in arrears and may be a week or so behind.

Fees Waived

Thank you to all the families that have updated us on their circumstances regarding stay-at-home orders. If we haven’t heard from you, we will continue to assume your current circumstances have not changed. If, however they have changed and you now need to attend your booked sessions, please let us know so that we can advise staff. If you have been attending sessions and will now be absent, please let us know so we are not spending time looking for your child.

If you have not attended any days since 16th August, we have waived your fees and will continue to do so whilst we remain in lockdown.

For the families that have attended some days but not all, we are now working through all bookings and waiving those absences. This will take some time but will show on your statements in the coming weeks.

If you are thinking of cancelling your bookings as they are not currently being used, please consider, that you may need them beyond the lockdown as we will not be able to guarantee places if you do cancel your bookings. Remaining absent will not cost any money as all fees for absences are being waived.

We would like to acknowledge the ongoing support and assistance of the NSW Department of Education and NSW Health.



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We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and hope of their people



Vacation Care:

Due to Covid-19, at present, vacation care is only available for children of essential workers and limited to 50 children per centre.

If you have not received a form and are an essential worker, requiring care, please email us indicating the Centre of your choice and we can send you the relevant form. (admin@mbcoosh.org.au)

In the event that restrictions are eased, we will still be limiting our numbers to ensure the safety of our children and staff during this time.

Vacation care forms for the September school holidays will only be available through email.

Vacation Care Dates:

Ashtonfield - Monday 20th September - Thursday 30th September (Friday 1st October Closed)

Metford - Monday 20th September - Friday 1st October

Rutherford - Monday 20th September - Friday 1st October

Thornton - Monday 20th September - Friday 1st October

Monday 4th October is a Public Holiday and no care will be available.

Before and After School Care will resume on Tuesday 5th October.

