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Vacation Care Program

July 2019

Sun Safety: CHOOSH Care endorses the Cancer Council's 'Sun Safe OOSH' Policy. Under this policy, a daily UV check is conducted, and at times where the UV level is above 3, SPF 50 sunscreen is applied every 2-3 hours. Children are also required to wear sun safe clothing, including a broad brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire hat, and clothing which covers their shoulders. Singlets and caps are not sun safe clothing. If your child attends Vacation Care without appropriate sun safe clothing, they will be provided with a hat/shirt. Children must also wear sensible shoes for walking and playing (i.e. enclosed shoes or strap-on sandals), and bring a jumper or a jacket and drink bottle each day. Thongs and slip-on style shoes are not permitted. **Caps are not permitted at CHOOSH Care**



Hand-held video games: Children are permitted to bring their hand-held games during Vacation Care, but specific times will be allocated for playing their games so that they spend some time participating in other activities. All games, including iPod games, must be G or PG rated as per centre policy. Any games above this classification (M, MA15+) will be confiscated and returned to the child's parent/guardian at the completion of the day. CHOOSH Care is not responsible for any breakages or lost property. Children are not permitted to use mobile phones at CHOOSH Care at any time.

Hours of operation: CHOOSH Care is open from 6.30am till 6.00pm Monday to Friday during the school holidays and Pupil Free Days (excludes public holidays). Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Supervision: CHOOSH Care is approved for a maximum of 40 school age children per day, however limitations may be placed on maximum number of enrolments due to staffing or transport requirements. Staff to child ratios of 1:15 are maintained during centre days, with increased supervision on excursions. A *Risk Assessment* is conducted prior to each excursion and are available for parents to view upon request. A *Responsible Person* holding their Apply First Aid, Child Protection, Asthma & Anaphylaxis certificate will be rostered on at all times throughout the day. A photograph of the Responsible Person on duty is displayed at the sign in desk.

Payment: The cost per day for in-centre activities is \$54 per child for permanent enrolments, and \$58 for casual enrolments. The cost per day for excursions is \$64 for permanent enrolments, and \$68 for casual enrolments. Please note that additional costs may apply to some 'in centre' activities and excursions, particularly swimming excursions to cover increased staffing costs. (Please see the program for these additional charges). Note: Permanent enrolments are those families who attend before and/or after school care, and have paid a bond and registration fee.

Bookings: Bookings can be returned to CHOOSH Care via email or in person. *Please note: Verbal bookings will not be accepted.* Bookings must be received by Wednesday 3rd July. In the case that a day becomes booked out, a waiting list will be prepared and parents will be notified if a place becomes available.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS): CCS is available to registered parents for Vacation Care. Please contact Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 136 150 to be CCS assessed.

Cancellations: Please notify the Centre of any cancellations as soon as possible. There are no refunds once a booking is made, but it may be possible to swap places for another day within the same week as long as there is a vacancy on the desired day.

Red Hat/ Shirt surcharge: During excursions, children are provided with red shirts to ensure children are easily identifiable. Children are also provided with sun safe red hats if they do not have an appropriate hat on any day. To cover cost of purchasing, embroidering and laundering these shirts, a surcharge of \$5 per child per Vacation Care will be added to your Family Statement.

CHOOSH Care's Vacation Care Program: We are aware that sometimes programmed activities will not appeal to all children. Be assured that wherever possible we try to provide alternative activities such as craft, games or movies. There are also opportunities for children to assist with activities even if they do not wish to take part in the actual activity.

Program variations: The Vacation Care program is subject to change without notice if it is deemed in the best interests of children. E.g. changes to program on wet weather days. Should an excursion change, parents will be required to sign their permission for the new excursion prior to child attending.

Medication: If your child requires medication an *Administration of Medication* form must be completed on each day that the medication is to be administered. Please note that no over-the-counter medication will be given (except Panadol - see booking form). Medication must be provided in original packaging with the child's correct name and will be administered as per dosage instructions.

Food: Please pack a nutritious morning tea, lunch and some snacks for your children on all days. Afternoon tea is provided and **lunch is provided only on some days** (see program for days where lunch is provided). Water will be freely available at the Centre, but please supply a drink bottle for excursions as these can be refilled as required. Please ensure that your child has adequate food, as Vacation Care days are active and long and the children do get quite hungry.

Refrigeration: Please inform staff if any of your child's food requires refrigeration (e.g. dairy products).






Nut policy: CHOOSH Care endeavours to be a 'nut free' centre, as per policy, for the safety of all children. Please do not send any nuts or food products containing nuts to CHOOSH Care.

Breakfast: Breakfast is provided between 6:30am – 7:30am during Vacation Care. Breakfast options include wholemeal toast, weetbix, cheerios, cornflakes, rice bubbles and plain milk or milo.



Special diets: If children are on restricted diets due to food allergies etc. parents are advised to provide alternatives food for their child as we cannot guarantee that the foods available will be suitable for your child's needs.

Spending money: Children are not permitted to bring money for an excursion unless the program indicates otherwise as there is no opportunity for them to spend it.


CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Week 1
Monday 8th July – Friday 12th July 2019

Date	Activity	Please Bring
<p>Mon 8th July</p> <p>Erina Ice Arena (Excursion)</p>	<p>Ice Skating is here by popular request! Make sure you rug up and wear long socks, as we will be racing around Erina Ice Arena with our friends ☺ You can bring some spending money (\$10 max) to buy lunch at Erina Fair (maybe something hot to warm ourselves back up!)</p> <p><u>Full fee for this day \$68 per child (casual \$72)</u></p> <p>Transport: Staff vehicles</p> <p>Leave CHOOSH: 10:00am Return to CHOOSH: 3:30pm</p> <p>Address: Erina Ice Arena, Erina Fair, Karalta Rd, Erina</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Warm clothes ✓ Socks ✓ Max \$10 spending money
<p>Tues 9th July</p> <p>NAIDOC & Camping (Centre)</p>	<p>Come dressed in red, black or yellow today as we learn all about NAIDOC. Enjoy some damper cooked in the campfire, get creative with some Aboriginal painting.</p> <p>Our oval area will be turned into a campground and we will spend the day in the tents and campground, experiencing the excitement of camping.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink Bottle
<p>Weds 10th July</p> <p>Story Telling Day (Centre)</p>	 <p>Come dressed as your favourite storybook character or future profession and share stories with your peers.</p> <p>We will recreate scenes from our favourite stories to act out for our friends. Lots of laughs and fun to be had today.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Favourite book character and/or stories
<p>Thurs 11th July</p> <p>Crackneck Lookout (Excursion)</p>	<p>Today we will head over to Bataeu Bay Beach for a picnic and to play in the park. We will then take a bushwalk up to Crackneck Lookout to see if we can spot any whales. Bring your binoculars for a closer look.</p> <p>Transport: Staff vehicles</p> <p>Leave CHOOSH: 10:00am Return to CHOOSH: 3:30pm</p> <p>Address: Bataeu Bay Beach Access, Bataeu Bay NSW 2261</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun Safe Hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed walking shoes ✓ Binoculars ✓ Picnic rug
<p>Fri 12th July</p> <p>Cooking Day (Centre)</p>	 <p>Let's cook up a storm</p> <p>Today we will be cooking lots of yummy treats and putting our tastebuds to the test by trying out something new.</p> <p>We will prepare and cook all meals today for our peers and enjoy a big family lunch together.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch provided ✓ Drink bottle

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Week 2
Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July

Date	Activity	Please bring
<p>Mon 15th July</p> <p>PJ Pamper Party (Centre)</p>	<p>Keep warm in this winter weather by coming in today wearing your PJs.</p>  <p>We will have a day of pampering fun, while sipping hot chocolates, eating popcorn and watching movies on the big screen in the hall. Bring your beanbag or pillows for a comfortable day relaxing with your friends.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle
<p>Tues 16th July</p> <p>Games2U (Incursion)</p>	 <p>Today the games come to us at CHOOSH. Games2U will bring a game truck, Laser Tag and Hamster Balls for 2hrs of fun. We will then spend the afternoon getting creative with lots of colourful craft.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle
<p>Weds 17th July</p> <p>Reptile Park (Excursion)</p>	<p>Join us for a day of animal exploration and fun. We will explore the park learning about the animals and watching the shows. Children may bring \$10 spending money for the canteen or souvenir shop.</p> <p>Transport: Staff Vehicles Leave CHOOSH: 9:00 Return CHOOSH: 4:00pm Address: Pacific Highway Somersby</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Comfortable walking shoes ✓ Max \$10
<p>Thurs 18th July</p> <p>9D Cinema (Incursion)</p>	<p>Get ready to be amazed as 9D Cinema comes to us. Sense the Wind in your hair as you free fall into a gigantic, inflatable jumping castle.</p>  <p>Feel the Rain drizzle on your skin while trying to escape the sea monsters. Catch Snow as you ski down the slopes in a wonderland or pop bubbles like balloons falling from the sky at a kid's birthday party. These and many other incredible special effects can be experienced as you go on a Ride of your Life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle
<p>Fri 19th July</p> <p>Science (Centre)</p>	<p>Fizz! Pop! Bang! Make sure you wear old clothes today just in case something explodes on you. Visit the liquids lab and see what concoctions you can brew. Make sure you wear old clothes today, who knows what mess we will create while trying out our own experiments.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun Safe Hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Wear old clothes

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Pupil Free Day
Monday 22nd July

Date	Activity	Please Bring
<p>Mon 22nd July</p> <p>Hoyts (Excursion)</p>	<p>We are off to Hoyts Erina Fair to see the much-anticipated new release of The Lion King.</p>  <p>After the movie, we will head into Erina Fair to participate in the activities around the centre.</p> <p>Children may bring \$2 for a drink and popcorn</p> <p>Transport: Staff vehicles</p> <p>Leave CHOOSH: 10:00am Return to CHOOSH: 3:30pm</p> <p>Address: Hoyts, Erina Fair, Karalta Rd, Erina</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ \$2 for drink & popcorn

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care Booking Form - July 2019

Parent's name (please print): _____ Contact number: _____

Child/children's name: _____ Age: _____

My child/children will be attending on the following days (please tick and sign for permission)

✓	Date	Activity	Cost	Parent permission for excursion – please sign
	Monday 8 th July	Ice Skating	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$68 (Casual = \$72)</i>	
	Tuesday 9 th July	NAIDOC	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$54 (Casual = \$58)</i>	N/A
	Wed 10 th July	Storytelling	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$54 (Casual = \$58)</i>	N/A
	Thursday 11 th July	Crackneck Lookout	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)</i>	
	Friday 12 th July	Cooking Day	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$54 (Casual = \$58)</i>	N/A

✓	Date	Activity	Cost	Parent permission for excursion – please sign
	Monday 15 th July	PJ Pamper	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$54 (Casual = \$58)</i>	N/A
	Tuesday 16 th July	Games2U	<i>Incursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)</i>	N/A
	Wed 17 th July	Reptile Park	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$68 (Casual = \$72)</i>	
	Thursday 18 th July	9D Cinema	<i>Incursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual = \$68)</i>	N/A
	Friday 19 th July	Science	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$54 (Casual = \$58)</i>	N/A

	Monday 22 nd July	Hoyts	<i>Incursion: Full Fee = \$64 (Casual \$68)</i>	
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Please provide consent for the following;

- I give permission for my child to attend/take part in the above activities and excursions. I understand that the children will either be catching a bus, travelling in staff vehicles or walking to the excursions, and that the program may change without notice.
- I have read the *Information Book* and am aware of the *Vacation Care Cancellation Policy*. There are no refunds once a booking is made, although bookings may be swapped within the same week, as long as there is a vacancy on the desired day.
- I have read the *Vacation Care Program* and understand that CHOOSH Care holds no responsibility for any property that is lost or broken during Vacation Care.

The following questions are applicable to enrolments who attend Vacation Care only:

- I elect to pay the Annual Registration Fee of \$60 for the reduced daily fee; or
- I elect to pay the full Casual Vacation Care rate (no Annual Registration Fee) or
- I have already paid the Annual Registration fee for 2019

Parent's signature _____ Date: _____