

Policy re Kindergarten attending December/January Vacation Care.

Children enrolled to attend kindergarten at the beginning of new year will not be eligible to attend SHARE Vacation Care during the December/ January Vacation Period. This decision has been made by the SHARE Committee for the following reasons.

- SHARE enrolls up to 105 children in their Vacation Care program and it has been our past experience that these new pre-school children struggle with excursions, remembering where the invisible boundaries are, remembering to go to the toilet, integrating and adapting into extremely large groups, all of which can result in an overall traumatic experience. This is largely due to the fact that:
 - Children coming from a Long day care, pre-school or home care environments are not accustomed to large unfenced play areas.
 - Long day care and preschools have significantly lower numbers of children attending and higher child to carer ratios.
- Staff have better opportunities to get to know your child in either the Before or After school care programs when Kindergarten children are walked through the routines, boundaries, toileting, and the other intricacies of being an OOSH child, every time they attend either the Before school or After school service for most of Term 1.
- This higher than normal care and attention required for new kindergarten children cannot always be achieved with the staffing levels provided during Vacation Care.
- If you require care for this period we recommend that you remain with your current childcare provider.

SHARE COMMITTEE.

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