

Vacation Care Program

Spring Vacation Care September/October 2026

7:00AM OPEN
6:00PM CLOSE

PLEASE ARRIVE BY
9AM FOR
EXCURSIONS



IN-HOUSE



WORKSHOP



EXCURSION

Week One

MONDAY, 28 TH SEPTEMBER			TUESDAY, 29 TH SEPTEMBER			WEDNESDAY, 30 TH SEPTEMBER			THURSDAY, 1 ST OCTOBER		
MORNING KICKSTART ACADEMY (10AM)			MORNING WOODEN FISH CREATIONS (9AM)			MORNING INCREDIBLE INSECTS (9AM)			MORNING SIP AND PAINT WITH ANA (10AM)		
We're teaming up with Kickstart Academy for an action packed sports session designed to get everyone moving. Their coaches bring high energy, fun challenges, and plenty of encouragement, giving children the chance to build skills, try new games, and enjoy a morning of teamwork. It's the perfect mix of fitness, confidence building, and big smiles.  			Our day begins at 9am with a colourful, hands on craft session where children will design and decorate their very own wooden fish. Each child can create a unique fish to take home, or bring along as their "lucky charm" for the afternoon's fishing adventure. This creative activity builds excitement and sets the tone for our seaside outing. A perfect blend of creativity, calm, and fun.  			Join us for an Incredible Insects adventure, where the children will get up close with some of Australia's coolest creepy crawlies. Through hands on exploration, fun facts, and guided activities, they'll learn how insects help our environment, discover hidden mini beasts, and build confidence engaging with nature. It's curious, educational and fun!  			Children will enjoy a fun and creative Sip & Paint session, sipping on refreshing lemonade. This guided workshop will be led by one of our wonderful parents from the service, who will support children as they create their artwork to take home. It's a relaxed, hands on experience designed to build confidence, spark imagination, and give everyone a chance to express themselves through painting.  		
AFTERNOON PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT (1PM)			AFTERNOON FISH WHISPERS (1PM)			AFTERNOON MINI SCIENCE STATIONS (2PM)			AFTERNOON RAPTOR REPTILES, HALLIDAY PARK AND DOMINOS (12:30PM)		
Get ready for some friendly competition as our children take on the educators in a Pickleball Tournament. Over the last term we've seen just how much love and impressive skill the children have developed for the sport, so it's only fitting that we celebrate their enthusiasm with a Kids vs Educators showdown. Who will take home the bragging rights the kids or the educators? 			We're heading out to the beautiful area of Mossman for an exciting afternoon of fishing! Children will learn simple and safe fishing techniques enjoying a hands on experience. Our educators and the fisherman will guide every step ensuring a relaxed, supervised and confidence building experience. We will be leaving at 12:30pm and returning at 4:00pm. We can't wait to share this day out with your children. 			We're setting up a series of Mini Science Stations where the children can explore bubbling volcanoes, stretchy slime, balloon rockets and colourful reactions. Educators will guide small groups through each hands on experiment, giving everyone a chance to discover, test, and get curious.  			Some special reptiles will visit our service before we head to Halliday Park for a picnic lunch. Children will have time to play, explore the open space and unwind with friends before sharing delicious Domino's pizza in the shade. It's a simple, social and fun way to enjoy the outdoors and make the most of our local community.   		
	Base Fee	\$86.20		Base Fee	\$86.20		Base Fee	\$86.20		Base Fee	\$86.20
	Exp Fee*	\$13.50		Exp Fee*	\$40.75		Exp Fee*	\$40.75		Exp Fee*	\$35.45
	Daily Total	\$100.50		Daily Total	\$126.95		Daily Total	\$126.95		Daily Total	\$121.65
After Max CCS*		\$19.35	After Max CCS*		\$24.44	After Max CCS*		\$24.44	After Max CCS*		\$23.42

Week Two

MONDAY, 5 TH OCTOBER			TUESDAY, 6 TH OCTOBER			WEDNESDAY, 7 TH OCTOBER			THURSDAY, 8 TH OCTOBER				
PUBLIC HOLIDAY			MORNING TARONGA ZOO (9AM)			MORNING KARAOKE AND DANCE PARTY (10AM)			MORNING GREAT OUTDOOR NATURE ADVENTURE (9AM)				
PUBLIC HOLIDAY! We are closed			We're heading to Taronga Zoo for a full day of adventure and discovery. Children will explore a range of amazing animals, enjoy keeper talks, and wander through the zoo's beautiful habitats overlooking Sydney Harbour. This excursion offers plenty of learning opportunities, hands on experiences, and exciting moments as we discover wildlife from Australia and around the world.  			We're turning up the music and letting the children take centre stage with a karaoke incursion. After seeing how much our group loves singing and performing during the term, we knew a dedicated karaoke and dance day would be a hit. The children will enjoy their favourite songs, and sharing plenty of laughs as they shine on the mic in a safe, supportive space.   			We're heading out for a Great Outdoor Nature Adventure at Nielsen Park with Ranger Jamie. Ranger Jamie brings the hands on activities that make nature come alive, giving the children a chance to connect with the outdoors, ask questions, and enjoy a day filled with curiosity and adventure. Activities include fishing, team games, exploring and looking for insects and learning about wildlife. 				
			AFTERNOON TARONGA ZOO (9AM)			AFTERNOON OUTDOOR CINEMA - COMMUNITY EVENT (3PM)			AFTERNOON GREAT OUTDOOR NATURE ADVENTURE (9AM)				
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	Exp Fee*			Exp Fee*	\$40.75		Exp Fee*	\$40.75		Exp Fee*	\$46.05		
	Daily Total			Daily Total	\$126.95		Daily Total	\$126.95		Daily Total	\$132.25		
After Max CCS*			After Max CCS*			\$24.44	After Max CCS*			\$24.44	After Max CCS*		\$25.46

Additional Information



What to Wear

Get ready to embrace adventure with a fun filled day at SCECS. Stay up to date with the weather forecast to dress suitably for the day ahead, comfortable clothes for full participation and enclosed shoes are a must! We recommend dressing in layers so that items can be added or removed. Please ensure all clothing items and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's full name to minimise lost property.



What to Pack

Fuel up for fun-filled days at SCECS vacation care with a healthy lunch! While we'll take care of providing breakfast, afternoon tea and late snack, we kindly ask that parents pack the below items. When preparing your child's lunchbox, please be mindful that we are a nut free service due to allergies and anaphylaxis. Your thoughtful consideration ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

- ☒ Morning Tea/Fruit Break
- ☒ Healthy Lunch
- ☒ Refillable Water Bottle
- ☒ Sun Safe Hat
- ☒ Raincoat or Umbrella
- ☒ Warm Jumper



Medical Information

If your child has Asthma, Anaphylaxis, an Allergy, or any other medical condition, please provide your plans to your child's OSHC Coordinator. Please provide required medications to your OSHC Coordinator on the first day of attendance in their original packaging, clearly labelled with your child's name and a use-by date.



Terms & Conditions

Please refer to the [Family Handbook](#) located on our website. The booking is not confirmed until a confirmation email has been sent from our service. Please note: A Risk Assessment has been prepared for each excursion and is available at each service.



Child Care Subsidy

After your SCECS vacation care booking is placed through XAP, you must log into your MyGov account to check you have a confirmed enrolment.

Example CCS Rates for SCECS FY2026-2027

Vacation Care Fees	Daily Fees Before CCS	50% CCS Out of Pocket Fee	85% CCS Out of Pocket Fee
Base Fee	\$86.20	\$45.26	\$16.59
Base Fee + \$9.00 Activity	\$95.20	\$49.98	\$18.33
Base Fee + \$14.30 Activity	\$100.50	\$52.76	\$19.35
Base Fee + \$19.60 Activity	\$105.80	\$55.55	\$20.37
Base Fee + \$24.85 Activity	\$111.05	\$58.30	\$21.38
Base Fee + \$30.15 Activity	\$116.35	\$61.08	\$22.40
Base Fee + \$35.45 Activity	\$121.65	\$63.87	\$23.42
Base Fee + \$40.75 Activity	\$126.95	\$66.65	\$24.44
Base Fee + \$46.05 Activity	\$132.25	\$69.43	\$25.46



Excursions

Please note a Excursion & Transportation Permission Form must be completed for each excursion. This will be provided to you at the service. Risk assessments available upon request for each venue.



Spending Money

Please ensure that children do not bring any extra spending money unless specifically advised by your OSHC Coordinator.



Booking & Cancellations

Vacation Care bookings are subject to availability and may be placed/amended via XAP. Seven (7) days written notice is required for cancellations.



Enrol Now

If you need help with enrolling, please contact the OSHC Coordinator:



Service Mobile - 0460 041 298



Service Email - fivedock.oshc@syd.catholic.edu.au

If the Vacation Care service is not your child's regular OSHC location, bank details will need to be supplied prior to attendance.

