

# Star of the Sea OSHC Newsletter

## Term 1 2025



Dear OSHC Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a joyful and relaxing Christmas with your loved ones. As we step into 2025, we look forward to an exciting and enriching year for our OSHC community.

A special warm welcome to our 81 new Reception students and their families! We are thrilled to have you join us and hope this first year of school is a magical and stimulating journey for your children.

We are delighted to share some wonderful news. After 12 months of dedicated effort, supported by detailed reports and documentation prepared by both Elly (Assistant Director) and Miffy (Director), we have successfully increased our licensed places from 65 to 90! This achievement, made possible through the support of the National Quality body ACECQA (Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority) and the ESB (Education Standards Board), allows us to better meet the needs of our growing OSHC community.

To accommodate this expansion, we have made some changes to our afternoon operations. Reception to Year 2 students will be signed in at the OSHC room, while Year 3 to Year 6 students will be signed in at the Stella Maris room. All age groups will come together for shared activities. To ensure a smooth transition, an educator will collect Reception children directly from their classrooms each day.

We are currently preparing for our upcoming Assessment and Rating process in the coming months. Your feedback and suggestions are invaluable to us as we strive to continually improve the quality of our service. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [oshc@star.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oshc@star.catholic.edu.au) to share your thoughts.

### **OPERATIONAL REMINDERS:**

- **Sign In and Out Requirements:** It is a regulatory requirement under National Laws and Regulations that parents or authorised guardians sign their children in and out of the OSHC service each day. This ensures that only authorised individuals, as listed on the enrolment form, are collecting children. Please accompany your child into the service in the morning and sign them in, and ensure you sign them out at the end of the day. (National Law and Regulation Section 165, 167 and Regulations 99 and 161).
- **Fee Adjustments:** To continue providing high-quality care and cover essential expenses such as food and staffing, our school Leadership Team has approved a \$1 increase per session fee. This adjustment, effective from the first day of the school term, remains covered under the Child Care Subsidy.
- **Booking Changes:** Please remember to cancel or add bookings for before-school care by 2.00pm the day prior, and for after-school care by 12.00pm on the same day. This helps us maintain correct ratios and ensures your child's safety. Late cancellations will still incur the session fee. All booking changes need to be emailed to [oshc@star.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oshc@star.catholic.edu.au).
- **Medical Conditions:** If your child requires medication for conditions such as asthma, allergies, or anaphylaxis, we need specific forms completed and medication provided to the service. These forms are essential for us to administer medication and ensure your child's safety. Children cannot attend the service without these forms completed. Please see Miffy or Elly for assistance with this process.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and cooperation as we work together to create a safe, nurturing, and fun environment for your children. Let's make 2025 a fantastic year for our OSHC community!

Warm regards,  
The OSHC Team

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