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Welcome to Only About Children

You are beginning the wonderful journey into early learning for your child. We hope to help make it a fantastic and rewarding experience.

Only About Children (or Oac – pronounced Oak – as we’ve called ourselves) is Australia’s leading early learning and preschool/kindergarten provider for 0-6 year olds.

This is no ordinary childcare or preschool. Oac embraces a holistic approach to high quality early learning, focused on early years education, health and wellbeing. Our aged based learning environments focus on safety and natural elements.

Qualified and passionate Educators lead our dedicated teams from newborn care through to school readiness programs, so your child can receive continuity of care in an early learning environment where they feel safe, nurtured, stimulated and happy.

Our focus is on innovation, child development and passion for learning.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you, as your family becomes part of the Oac community.
Why choose Oac?

There are so many factors that come into play when choosing your child’s early learning provider. It’s one of the most important decisions you’ll make, as we now know how critical the first six years are to a child’s development.

From 0-6, a child’s brain develops more than at any other time in their life! Every experience, every sight, sound, touch, smell and taste, stimulates their brain and lays down a lifelong foundation for learning, health and behaviour.

Why our families love Only About Children

Our offering is fee inclusive of:

• A unique Oac Grow curriculum expertly designed to encourage children to explore, solve problems, create, construct and interact with peers through play based learning

• Oac exclusive programs designed by early childhood specialists including, Book of the Month, Music, Spanish Language and Oac Active

• A dedicated Oac Allied Health Team encompassing specialist support in Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Vision and inclusion support

• Fresh seasonal menu prepared daily designed by two of Australia’s leading Dietitians

• A campus and environment designed specifically to meet the development of children from nursery through to preschool/ kindergarten

• Formula, nappies and cot linen. Incursions and excursions

• Daily communication with families via the Storypark App
The Oac Mission
We empower every child to reach their full potential through a passion for learning.

The Oac Vision
To be the leading holistic early learning provider in our communities through education, development & wellbeing.
The Oac Way
A new approach in educational and developmental thinking

At Only About Children we are dedicated to delivering inspired, high quality early years education. To achieve this, we’ve developed an early learning model designed to encourage every child to reach their full potential in life.

We call it the Oac Way
It’s a unique approach to childcare that goes beyond education to encompass the health and total wellbeing of every child in our care, offering exclusive services in these areas. The Oac Way has 3 key areas which work together, holistically, to achieve outstanding results for children.

People
Our Educators are our greatest strength and work with us because they desire a career in early childhood education, not just a job.

Programs and services
Oac has created innovative custom environments for children to safely play and learn. Together with our Oac Grow curriculum, Oac Health services and Oac Nutrition focus, we’ve created a world-leading offering designed to give children the best possible preparation for life.

Partnerships
Strong partnerships with families and communities are key to the Oac Way. We believe in the proverb, ‘it takes a village to raise a child’ and through active, two way relationships with families it means we can understand and meet every child and family’s unique needs more fully.
Qualified, professional, respectful, caring... we look for these traits and more in our people. We don’t think that’s too much to ask for. After all, the care and guidance of your children is so important.

We seek out passionate people who are looking for a career, not simply a job. This means you’ll see more focus, experience, commitment and energy being shown to your children. Within every Oac campus are degree qualified early childhood Teachers.

Attracting and retaining high quality Educators is a key part of the Oac Way because building long lasting relationships with your child and family are vital. To do this, we inspire, reward and support our team in a range of ways. Firstly, we invest in their future by providing an expanded professional practice program, to increase their knowledge of our educational curriculum, Oac Grow, and childhood health and development program, Oac Health.

We also offer a cutting edge leadership development program and study assistance to ensure continual learning and upskilling. We encourage activities that increase team cohesion to help create an engaging work environment.

Having fulfilled, happy Educators and support staff at Oac with access to the latest resources, infrastructure, training courses and programs delivers enormous benefits to your child’s early learning experiences.
The Oac Way is more than a philosophy, it’s an approach to childcare based on the latest educational thinking and developmental research. The Oac Way is our way of ensuring all children reach their full potential in life.”
At Only About Children, we’re committed to providing the very best early childhood education, development and care to children aged 0-6 years within our modern, custom-designed campuses.

As part of the Oac Way, we’ve created an innovative world class program and service offering, encompassing education, health, nutrition and physical development.
We want children at Oac to be stimulated and given the best opportunity possible to develop their growing minds.

Oac Grow is our unique educational curriculum that forms the basis for essential early education and development. This curriculum has been developed so that every child has the opportunity to embark on a wonderful early learning journey and achieve his or her potential.

Oac Grow is an innovative play-based curriculum that differs to other early education programs by delivering intentional teaching in dynamic small group learning environments where children’s successes, skills and challenges are monitored on an ongoing basis.

Oac Grow calls on international best practice and is guided by the Australian Early Years Learning Framework.

The program offers experiences that are appropriate to every child’s unique stage of development, therefore promoting positive learning outcomes.

Core principles guide our curriculum and through clearly defined curriculum areas, we deliver innovative programs and practices that allow children to reach their fullest potential, from literacy and numeracy, to exploration, technology, creative expression and sustainability. It’s a holistic curriculum that ensures education and development experiences are immersed into daily practice.
Loving Language
A child’s brain is primed for language learning during the first few years of life – and with this in mind, we have developed a Spanish Language Appreciation program for Nursery, Toddlers and Preschoolers. The benefits of this program go well beyond language; it also helps enhance literacy, verbal and mathematical skills, increase creativity, and improve problem-solving skills.

Active play
Designed by a qualified Sports Science Physiologist in consultation with the Oac Health team, our Oac Active program helps children learn important gross motor skills, which are fundamental to many areas of learning. Through this program, children improve their strength, endurance, flexibility, balance and co-ordination – all in a fun, inclusive environment.

Enriching every day
Every day, your child will take part in a range of experiences exclusive to Oac, these include:
- Book of the Month
- Music
- Spanish Language
- Oac Active

Sharing stories
Through our ‘Book of the Month’ program, we introduce children to the wonderful world of language and literature. Each month, we choose a new book title and explore the text, illustrations and ideas that it contains – themes that often link to other parts of the curriculum.

Igniting a passion for music
We believe that music is a key part of life – and through the Oac Music program, we help children to understand and appreciate everything from tempo and timbre, to pitch and participation through movement. Children explore music daily, whether it’s through song, music or dance.

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As part of the Oac Way, we offer a holistic approach to your child’s development, which means we encompass not just the education, but the physical health and emotional wellbeing of every child in our care.

This innovative program offers health specialist support in the areas of Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Vision and Nutrition. Our health professionals provide training to our educators, information to parents at campus events and see individual children at parent request. These exclusive Oac Health services are all included as part of your daily fee.

**Occupational Therapy**

Occupational therapy aims to promote a child’s participation and independence in everyday, age appropriate activities that they need to do or want to do. A child’s ‘occupation’ includes play, learning, motor skills and socialising. Oac’s Occupational Therapists can provide strategies and link you to support if your child is having difficulty in any of these areas of development.

**Speech and Language**

Speech and language skills are integral to your child’s development. Our dedicated team of Speech Pathologists help children to develop age appropriate speech sounds as well as develop and increase their understanding and use of language. Support can also be provided with feeding/swallowing difficulties. At Oac, we can screen children at the request of families, to identify any speech and/or language difficulties and provide recommendations for appropriate therapies.

**Vision**

Our vision specialists have a fun method of examining the eyes of preschool children in their natural environment. They can determine if a vision problem exists and provide recommendations to families for appropriate therapies. At Oac, we screen all 4 year old children.
We passionately believe that good nutrition plays a vital role in children’s physical and mental development in early childhood.

At Oac, we started with the simple premise, that children aren’t small adults, so their nutrition needs are different. Rapid growth means energy needs for their size are high.

**The best possible nutritional start to life**

Most children form lifelong eating patterns by the time they reach school age, so it’s a huge responsibility for Oac to guide children towards sound food habits which will help them to maintain good health in the long term.

At Oac, we have engaged accredited and renowned Dietitians, to create mindful and nutritious menus for all campuses, as well as provide holistic health advice to Oac Educators, children and their families.

The Oac Nutrition program includes a 4 week rotating seasonal menu that meets children’s needs, taking into account nutritional and energy requirements as well as cultural and health needs.

Each Oac campus has their own cook to freshly prepare daily all of the children’s delicious meals.
The Oac Way is about ensuring the holistic wellbeing of the children in our care. So we’ve developed Oac Active as part of our weekly offering, because physical confidence is important to a child’s self-esteem and capacity for development.

We’re very proud of this exclusive program. Oac Active is designed by a qualified Sports Science Physiologist in consultation with the Oac Health Team to help children learn important gross motor skills. Gross Motor Development is a fundamental base skill to many areas of learning.

This program also leads to improvements in strength, endurance, flexibility, balance and co-ordination in a fun, inclusive environment.

Oac Active introduces children to the concepts of:

- Wellbeing
- Developing confidence in their own bodies and improving self esteem
- Improving gross motor skills
- Enjoying physical activity

The program runs daily and with each session there are ways to make the session easier or harder to ensure that all children can participate and most importantly, they’re having fun.
At Oac, our values are communicated through our environment, so with our purpose-built campuses, we aim to dazzle children’s senses, invite curiosity and discovery, and teach children to respect and appreciate the space around them.

Our learning environments are purposely designed to support our curriculum as well as provide for children’s individual learning styles, strengths and interests. Children learn readily from their environments, developing key skills such as self regulation, autonomy and independence.

Our focus is to bring natural elements into our campuses and we place great emphasis on the design and resourcing of our classrooms.

The safety of your child is paramount. We use keypad security access, safety gates, shaded play areas and well maintained buildings and resources to provide a safe environment for your child.

Oac Educators make sustainable practices a part of the daily routine. Sustainability through interactive learning elements might include a vegetable and herb garden, compost or worm farm systems. Other regular sustainable practices include:

- Recycling
- Gardening
- Water conservation
- Making natural choices for play materials
- Exploring the natural world
At Oac, we pride ourselves on fostering and sustaining respectful and pro-active partnerships with our families. We believe it makes a tremendous difference to how well a child flourishes, knowing they are in a nurturing circle of families, Educators and community members.

In this fast paced world and with so many busy working families, we provide an environment that replicates a “village” dynamic. We care about getting to know your family and celebrate what makes you unique. We promote family involvement within our campuses through our open door policy, family events and participation in our programs.

Campuses hold regular social events where you’ll meet other families and enjoy celebrations with your children. Events include morning and afternoon teas, art exhibitions, BBQs and other important calendar events.

Oac recognises the importance of valuing not only our families, but also the community as a whole. We feel a sense of belonging to our local community.

We encourage our team to participate passionately with the community around them, either through excursions or incursions.

“As well as People, the third unique strength of the Oac Way is Partnerships … partnerships with families, and partnerships with local communities.”
Communicating with Families

The Oac Family Support Team
Because we want our Campus Directors focusing on your child and their education, we offer a dedicated off-site team to manage all of your administration requirements. Their sole purpose is to provide you with the most up to date, efficient and professional advice and service.

The Family Support Team is always available so that families have one point of contact for any questions that they may have.

The Storypark app
The Storypark app is a wonderful resource to keep families across their child’s learning and development throughout the day and is linked directly to our Oac Grow learning outcomes.

Parenting Workshops and Content Sharing
Our exclusive Parenting Workshops bring the community’s leading early childhood experts together to engage, inspire and empower parents. They are hosted across our Sydney and Melbourne and Brisbane campuses, and are free to enrolled families and the broader community.
Request an Enrolment Pack
If you like the sound of Oac, and you’d like your child’s early learning experience to be with us, we’d be thrilled to have you join us.
Why not phone our team on 138 OAC and request an Enrolment Pack for your child. Alternatively, visit oac.edu.au.

Tour our campus and meet the team
We encourage families to come for a campus tour, meet our Educators and ask us any questions you like. It’s the perfect way to showcase our learning environments and reassure you that your child will always be in safe hands with us.

Campus locations
For a full list of our campus locations visit oac.edu.au

Waitlisting... the first step of the journey
It’s never too early to put your child on the Oac waitlist. At any time you can visit our website and register your child’s details via the enquiry form.

Once on our waitlist, you will receive regular updates from our Enrolments Team with information about availability, events and other relevant campus information.