



## **SMOSHC Philosophy**

At St Martins Out of School Hours Care we strive to provide a fun, child-centred program within a welcoming, safe and nurturing environment that promotes a sense of belonging and the development of secure, respectful & positive relationships with all children and their families.

The children are the voice of our program and are at the heart of all that we do; we listen to their voices and value their input. Each child brings with them unique and diverse experiences, perspectives, expectations, knowledge and skills and these all contribute to their learning. All children are respected and actively encouraged to become involved in & collaborate with educators about program decisions in order to ensure play and leisure opportunities are meaningful, relevant, engaging, child-centred and fun. We believe that children are active learners and through our rich, engaging environments and meaningful interactions, we can build a foundation for successful life-long learning. St Martins Out of School Hours Care recognises and values Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures as a core part of the nation's history, present and future.

We encourage the development of respectful partnerships with families, the College, and the community. We value and recognise the vital role they all play in each child's development. Parent's and families are the child's key educators and respectful, collaborative relationships strengthen the efforts of families and the St Martins OSHC to support and promote each child's health and wellbeing. We respect the important role that the College plays in children's education, learning and development and seek to develop complementary and supportive relationships based on collaborative partnerships. We are guided by the National Quality Standards and the School Aged Care Framework—My Time Our Place. The best interests of the children and their right to play, learn and develop in a safe and nurturing environment, is the primary thought in all decision making at the service and is evident in the actions, interactions and daily work with the children.

At St Martins OSHC we are an inclusive on-site service and only provide care for students enrolled at St Martins Lutheran College.

Children are our future and we are dedicated to their success.

We embrace the values of St Martins Lutheran College, 'The St Martins Spirit' of Respect, Compassion, Growth, Faith, Encouragement and Hope.