

Who we are

A 53 place family owned and operated long daycare service, catering for families with children aged 6 weeks to 6 years.

- Operating hours Monday-Friday 6.30am-6.30pm
- Rated as Meeting the National Quality Standard.
- Preschool Program with Early Childhood Teacher.
- Healthy and nutritious meals catered and planned by our in-house qualified chef.

Contact Us

You can find us situated in Goonellabah next door to the local library, close to major retail shopping centers.

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Family Orientation Information



**GOONELLABAH
CHILDCARE CENTRE**

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Philosophy

Goonellabah Nestle In Childcare Centre would like to acknowledge the Widjibal-Wybal People who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Bundjalung Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.

At Goonellabah Nestle In Childcare Centre we aspire to promote children’s well-being, development and learning. We aim to provide stimulating education within a creative program supported by the Early Years Learning Framework which ensures the holistic development of each child. We respect and treasure childhood and understand that children possess great potential energy, they are naturally curious and benefit most when given the opportunity to explore, discover, dream, imagine and express original ideas in a nurturing environment.

We believe that each child deserves quality care and we strive for the best practice for the highest quality of care and education. We acknowledge that for children to actively engage in their environment and therefore in their learning we need to provide food that meets their nutritional needs.

We view children as successful, competent and capable learners. During the course of continuous observation we question and suggest new possibilities to children and encourage them to investigate and discover the world around them. Through sustained collective thinking and intentional teaching we document this information and reflect upon it to lead informed decision making about future planning possibilities for each child to achieve outcomes specified in the Early Years Learning Framework.

At Goonellabah Nestle In Childcare Centre we recognise the importance of communication and collaboration between families and educators to form positive relationships and a strong partnership. We aim to share information and make decisions that benefit each child’s growth and development. We will support the identity of individual children and their families and facilitate a learning environment that reflects the diversity within our cultural community.

As a team we work in collaborative ways to share our understanding and expertise. We use reflective practice to inform decisions and detailed understandings of our work with children. We believe that education is infinite and are committed to ongoing professional learning and development.

Family Requirements

The following information is required before your child can start at the service and can be filled out in the enrolment form should you wish to enroll your child:

- Name, DOB, Address and Centrelink Customer Reference Number
- Name, DOB of the parent/guardian claiming Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) and Centrelink Customer Reference Number
- Guardians names, addresses, mobile, home and work phone numbers
- Immunization records of the child
- Emergency contacts for two people, in addition to the parents/guardians
- Copies of family court orders or any legal arrangements related to the child or access to the child
- Name, address and telephone number of the child's doctor or medical service
- Details of allergies, dietary restrictions and/or other relevant medical conditions and needs of the child, including any management procedures or plans to be followed in relation to these conditions

To ensure quality care of your child while at the service we ask that you provide the following resources each day in your child's bag with all items clearly labelled with the child's name:

- Any formula the child requires and bottles filled with boiled water (enough for the whole day)
- At least 5 nappies per day, or if toilet training at least 4 changes of clothing.
- Any lotions or creams for your child's nappy change
- A clean drink bottle filled with water (please take home to clean each day for the health and hygiene of your child)
- A sun safe hat with a wide brim (no caps)
- Extra clothing in case of accidents or messy play (both summer and winter)
- Please ensure your child is wearing sun safe clothing (no singlets/sleeveless dresses/etc.)
- We will reapply sun cream when required but we ask that you apply sun cream on arrival at the service

Our Service

Our service is open 50 weeks a year and for 12 hours across the day providing flexible care for families. Within this setting the Program is integrated into the day, with learning opportunities occurring across the opening hours. As Approved Care our service attracts the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the Child Care Rebate (CCR) for families and can be accessed through Centrelink.

"We couldn't be happier with the friendly dedicated and committed staff, or in the way the children are encouraged and developed to reach their full potential in these formative years"

Parent - Gary Newell

The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia guides the curriculum throughout the whole service. A learning journal is kept for each child and summative assessments are performed three times annually to reflect on the journey travelled for each child.

We offer varied outdoor education environments which include a Nursery outdoor environment, where age appropriate resources are made available for the smallest of our children. A larger outdoor environment is available for our older children, and we are fortunate enough to have a plot of land below the yard where the children explore sustainable practices with the educators and help tend to our chickens and vegetable gardens. This organic and free-range produce is then used in the kitchen by our Chef.

Programs Available

0-3 Years Programs



The “Tadpole” Program caters for children aged 6 weeks - 2 years. With a Diploma qualified lead educator and a Certificate III co-educator delivering a nurturing program for the smallest children in our community. As the children grow and develop they move to the “Starfish” Program. This group caters for children aged 2 years. A Diploma qualified lead educator and a trainee deliver a play based program to a small group of toddlers.

3-5 Years Programs



The “Turtle” Program is designed for Junior Preschool children aged 3 years. The program is Interest based and focuses on all areas of development. The lead educator is Diploma qualified and there is a floating Certificate III educator to assist throughout the day where necessary. When the children enter their last year before school they join the Senior Preschool “Whale” Program. This program is delivered by a qualified Early Childhood Teacher and lays positive foundations for your child’s lifelong learning journey.

Meals

At Goonellabah Nestle In Childcare Centre all menus are created and provided by our qualified Chef and follow the Nutritional Guidelines for Long Day Care Centre’s. The Chef takes into account dietary requirements appropriate to each child’s growth and development needs, as well as any specific cultural, religious or health requirements. We strive to provide the children with lots of vegetables and most meals contain hidden vegetables as well as visible ones. The menus are offered on a four weekly rotation to ensure variety for all the children.

Following is a sample menu:

Sample	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Breakfast	Milk Cereals Fruit	Milk Cereals Fruit	Milk Cereals Fruit	Milk Cereals Fruit	Milk Cereals Fruit
M/Tea	Milk Fruit Arrowroot Biscuits	Milk Fruit Cruskits avocado, cream cheese and lemon spread	Milk Fruit WM Cheese and tomato melt	Milk Fruit Vegemite and avocado on rice cakes	Milk Fruit Raisin Toast
Lunch (Pureed solids guided by families for babies)	Rissoles with baked potatoes, steamed carrots and zucchini	Super baked beans with vegetable puree and cheese fingers	Con Carne Mexican beef with vegetables, kidney beans, cheese and rice	Chicken Paella with paprika baked chicken, vegetables and rice	Bolognese Italian beef and herbs in rich tomato sauce with pasta and cheese
A/Tea	Milk Fruit Platter Orange and carrot WM muffins	Milk Fruit Platter WM Apple, cinnamon and sultana pikelets	Milk Fruit Platter Vegemite and avocado on rice cakes	Milk Fruit Platter Homemade Anzac biscuits	Milk Fruit Platter Homemade Strawberry and Beetroot jam on rice cakes
Late Snack	Fruit Crackers	Fruit Crackers	Fruit Crackers	Fruit Crackers	Fruit Crackers