



ACTIVE OOSH

SUPPORTING OUR LITTLEST OOSHIES

Starting Kindergarten represents a major period of change that can be overwhelming for both children and their parents or carers. At Active OOSH, we implement support strategies to ensure a positive transition and prioritise building independence and confidence for our littlest OOSHies while they settle in to their new environment.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS

Our team works together with classroom teachers and school administration staff to ensure strong links are maintained between school, OOSH and home.

In Term 1 and 2, we provide schools with a list of their Kindergarten children enrolled at Active OOSH and their regular sessions. This is especially helpful for teachers getting to know their student's new routines, particularly after school care.

CLOSE CARE FOR KINDY KIDS

Our educators ensure Kindergarten children are settled in with the teacher on duty at their school at the beginning of the school day. At the end of the school day, our educators collect Kindergarten children from their respective classrooms and escort them to the Active OOSH meeting point within their school.

Once at OOSH, our educators program a range of engaging learning and social experiences specific to the abilities, interests and needs of Kindy Kids which are undertaken with guidance from our qualified educators.

SUPPORTING SMOOTH TRANSITIONS

Active OOSH hold Kindergarten Orientation Sessions for families with a child starting Kindergarten the following school year. During these sessions, our team take families on a tour of the service; families have the opportunity to meet our educators and ask any questions they may have; and we get to know the children through age appropriate activities.

We encourage Kindy Kids to attend Active OOSH during the January Vacation Care period, to help children adapt to routines and their new environment before the school year starts. Our team pair Kindergarten children with an older OOSH buddy to provide further support throughout the busy and exciting day. We are supportive of family needs and offer flexibility for Kindy Kids to attend for part of a day during their transition period.

There's a lot to remember at Big School. To help children remember that they are going to Active OOSH in the afternoon, we provide Kindy Kids with a small wristband that says "I'm going to OOSH today". This serves as a visual reminder that parents can give to their child to wear on their wrist that day, or attach it to a keyring on their school bag.

