

LADY GOWRIE TASMANIA
EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

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Lady Gowrie Tasmania is a community owned not for profit organisation whose core business is the provision of quality programs to the community that promotes the best outcomes for children, families and early and middle childhood professionals.

Lady Gowrie Tasmania Children's Services comprises over 30 services including Centre Based Long Day Care, Outside School Hours Care, Family Day Care Service and Occasional Care. As well as the education and care services, Lady Gowrie Tasmania provides responsive and innovative programs to support children, families and early and middle childhood professionals in Tasmania.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES

Lady Gowrie Tasmania values and places a high priority on communication between educators and families. This is encouraged both on an informal and formal basis. Daily interaction and communication about individual children is vital to ensure appropriate and individualised education and care is provided.

EDUCATORS

Lady Gowrie Tasmania engage qualified, experienced and committed educators to develop, implement and evaluate the curriculum for children. Recognising the importance of continuous improvement, the organisation provides educators with a range of opportunities to engage in ongoing professional development to support reflection and to enhance practice.

CENTRE BASED LONG DAY CARE SERVICES CURRICULUM

Lady Gowrie Tasmania Centre Based Long Day Care Services curriculum for children from birth to five years of age is based on the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). The Framework's vision is for all children to experience play-based learning that is engaging and builds success for life. It is a guide for early childhood educators who work with children from birth to five years of age. Qualified and experienced educators use the framework in partnership with families - children's first and most influential educators - to develop learning programs responsive to children's ideas, interests, strengths and abilities, and recognise that children learn through play. Planned play based experiences are also influenced by current and emerging early childhood research.



Philosophy

Lady Gowrie Tasmania has a simple philosophy – ‘Children First’ – and is committed to providing the highest quality education and care for children to give them the best start in life. Lady Gowrie Tasmania works in partnership with families, early childhood professionals and the broader community to ensure children are happy, healthy and develop a love of learning.

At Lady Gowrie Tasmania children are encouraged to reach their full potential and are at the centre of all practice.

Through the EYLF five learning goals, the curriculum provides children with the opportunities to develop:

- a strong sense of their identity
- connections with their world
- a strong sense of wellbeing
- confidence and involvement in their learning; and
- effective communication skills.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

Lady Gowrie Tasmania Outside School Hours Education and Care Services offer before school and after school care during school term time for children from 4 to 12 years of age. These programs provide a relaxing transition between home and school and provide children with the opportunity to engage in meaningful recreation and learning experiences.

Lady Gowrie Tasmania Vacation Education and Care Services operate during the school holiday periods at specific school locations and cater for children from 4 to 12 years of age. These services offer fun and inspiring school holiday experiences designed to engage children’s curiosity, interests and skills.

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS EDUCATION AND CARE CURRICULUM

Lady Gowrie Tasmania Outside School Hours Education and Care Services curriculum for school age children is based on the My Time, Our Place - Framework for School Age Care in Australia. The Framework assists middle childhood educators to develop, implement and evaluate the curriculum in collaboration with children to provide play and leisure opportunities that are meaningful to children and support their wellbeing, learning and development. Educators regularly seek information from families to support the planning process and input from families is always valued and welcomed.

SECURING A PLACE

To secure a place in a Lady Gowrie Tasmania Long Day Care or Occasional Care Service families need to visit www.gowrie-tas.com.au and submit an online Enquiry Form. Instructions on the 'Enquire Now' page of the website will guide you through this process.

To secure a place in a Lady Gowrie Tasmania Outside School Hours Education and Care Service in Southern Tasmania families need to visit www.gowrie-tas.com.au and submit an online Enquiry Form. Instructions on the 'Outside School Hours Care' page of the website will guide you through this process. Please call 6230 6806 or email clusteradmin@gowrie-tas.com.au for further information about these programs.

To secure a place in a Lady Gowrie Tasmania Outside School Hours Education and Care Service in Northern Tasmania families need to visit www.gowrie-tas.com.au and submit an online Enquiry Form. Instructions on the 'Outside School Hours Care' page of the website will guide you through this process. Please call 6331 5106 or email oshcnorthmanager@gowrie-tas.com.au for further information about these programs.

Further information about offer of places, tours of services and settling visits is available after this initial contact has been made. Families are always welcome to visit a Lady Gowrie Tasmania Education and Care Service for a tour.

OPERATIONAL AND FEE DETAILS

Hours of operation and current fee schedules for Lady Gowrie Tasmania Education and Care Services are available from individual services, visit www.gowrie-tas.com.au or by phoning Head Office on 6230 6800.

The Federal Government provides financial support to reduce the cost of education and care through the Child Care Subsidy. For further information visit the Department of Education Skills and website www.dese.gov.au/ or phone 136 150.

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