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EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

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Lady Gowrie Tasmania is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation and we put 'Children First' in all that we do. We offer high quality, inclusive and safe education and care services and support programs for Tasmanian children and their families. We also offer innovative training and other programs to support education and care professionals across Tasmania.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Lady Gowrie Tasmania's Education and Care Philosophy provides a shared vision and framework to guide our practice to ensure optimum education and care outcomes for children. Our philosophy reflects the importance of engaging play and leisure-based learning for children to build success for life. Our purpose of 'Children First' underpins every element of this philosophy and guides our work with children every day.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Lady Gowrie Tasmania's purpose of 'Children First' supports the rights of all children to grow, learn and play in a safe place. We have zero tolerance towards abuse, neglect or exploitation of children combined with a strong commitment to the health and wellbeing of both children and our team. You can read the full statement here.

OUR EDUCATORS

Lady Gowrie Tasmania engages qualified and experienced educators to develop, implement and evaluate play and leisure-based learning opportunities for children. Recognising the importance of continuous improvement to enhance practice, we focus on our workforce capability and the development and wellbeing of our educators.

Our Education and Care Services

Lady Gowrie Tasmania offers education and care for children in 42 services across the state. Our (Centre Based) Long Day Care Services cater for children from birth to 5 years of age in nurturing, play-based early learning environments. Our Outside School Hours Care Services offer before school, after school and vacation care programs for children from 5 to 12 years of age in play and leisure-based learning environments.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES

Lady Gowrie Tasmania values and places high priority on communication between educators and families, both on an informal and formal basis. Daily interactions and communication with families about children's learning, development and wellbeing is vital to ensure we provide high quality, inclusive and safe education and care.

OUR CURRICULUM

Lady Gowrie Tasmania's curriculum model supports educators to collaborate, reflect and be intentional in their practices so we can offer a holistic curriculum that responds to children's learning, development and wellbeing. Our Long Day Care Service curriculum for children from birth to five years of age is based on the Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework. Our Outside School Hours Care Service curriculum for children from five to twelve years of age is based on the My Time, Our Place: Framework for School Age Care in Australia. Using these Frameworks as a guide, our educators work in partnership with children, families, schools and other professionals to provide children with high quality play and leisure-based learning opportunities.

'Children First'

SECURING A PLACE

To secure a place in a Lady Gowrie Tasmania Long Day Care Service, families need to visit www.gowrie-tas.com.au and submit an online Enquiry Form. Instructions under *'Enquire Now'* then *'Long Day Care'* will guide you through this process. For more information or assistance please call 6230 6818 or email info@gowrie-tas.com.au.

To secure a place in a Lady Gowrie Tasmania Outside School Hours Service families need to visit www.gowrie-tas.com.au and submit an online Enquiry Form. Instructions under *'Enquire Now'* then *'Outside School Hours Care'* will guide you through this process. For more information or assistance please call 6230 6806 or email clusteradmin@gowrie-tas.com.au.

TOURS AND OFFER OF PLACES

Families are welcome to visit a Lady Gowrie Tasmania Education and Care Service for a tour before or after completing the online Enquiry Form. When you have completed the Enquiry Form, we can provide more information about availability of places and settling visits. If a place is not available at your preferred service/s, your child's name will be placed on a waiting list until one becomes available.

OPERATIONAL AND FEE DETAILS

Hours of operation and current fee schedules are available from individual services or by phoning our Office on 6230 6800. The Federal Government provides financial support to reduce the cost of education and care through the Child Care Subsidy. For more information, please visit the Department of Education website www.education.gov.au or phone 1300 566 046.

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