



Only About  
Children

# Only About Children

More Than Childcare

# Contents

Welcome to Only About Children	3
More Than Childcare, A Place To Grow	4
Our Purpose	5
What Makes Us Unique?	7
Growing Young Minds	8
Our Grow Curriculum	8
Social Development	13
Health & Wellbeing	15
Nutrition	17
Communicating & Partnering with Families	20
Our People	21
Our Campuses	22
Joining Our Family	23



# Welcome to Only About Children

**You are about to begin the wonderful journey into early learning and childcare for your child. We aim to make it a rewarding experience for your whole family.**

We're proud to be one of Australia's leading childcare and preschool/kindergarten providers for children aged from six weeks to five years.

We are **More Than Childcare**. Our unique approach to early learning focuses on education, social development, health and wellbeing. It's specially designed to give your child the best start to life possible. We call it The OAC Way.

We tap into each child's unique interests, as we know no two children are alike. Our age-based learning focuses on children developing through exploration, experimentation and play. We want children to feel open to expressing themselves in a nurturing environment as they discover the world around them.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you, as your family become part of our community.





# More Than Childcare, A Place To Grow

The first five years are critical to a child's development. We understand the many factors that come into play when choosing your child's early learning and childcare provider. It's one of the most important decisions you'll make!

From before birth to five years, a child's brain develops more than at any other time in their life. Every experience, every sight, sound, touch, smell and taste stimulates their inquisitive brain and lays down a lifelong foundation for learning, health and behaviour. It's an important time in your child's development and we make sure to deliver the support and stimulation they need.

---

## We Give Our Families More, Every Day.

**Everything your child needs to thrive, all included in the daily fee:**

- Our unique Grow Curriculum – specifically designed for Nursery, Toddler and Preschool / Kindergarten ages and is offered every day
- In-house Allied Health Specialists – supporting in areas such as Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Vision Screening and Nutrition
- Qualified and passionate Educators – including a qualified teacher-led two year School Readiness Program
- A health and wellbeing focus to support your child's physical health and emotional wellbeing
- Dietitian-designed seasonal menu with all meals lovingly prepared every day by our in-house cooks using fresh, nutritious ingredients
- Stimulating indoor and outdoor spaces to explore and discover
- Daily photo and diary updates via the family communication app
- Daily essentials all covered; from nappies, bottles, formula, meals, bedding and sunscreen

# Our Purpose - Only About Children

---



**We Believe...**  
The First 5 Years Of  
A Child's Life Matters  
In Their Development.



**We Exist To...**  
Empower Every Child  
To Reach Their  
Full Potential.



**We Do This...**  
By Offering  
More Than Childcare  
Through The OAC Way.

**“Only About Children provide  
a great balance of nurture,  
care and education.”**

Arna, Toddler Parent - Enmore Campus



Our unique approach to early years learning goes beyond education to encompass the health, wellbeing and social development of every child in our care.

We call it The OAC Way.



# The OAC Way



## Left Brain Logic

- ~ Literacy and Language
- ~ Exploration and STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Math)
- ~ Sustainability



## Right Brain Creativity

- ~ Music
- ~ Dramatic Play
- ~ Art



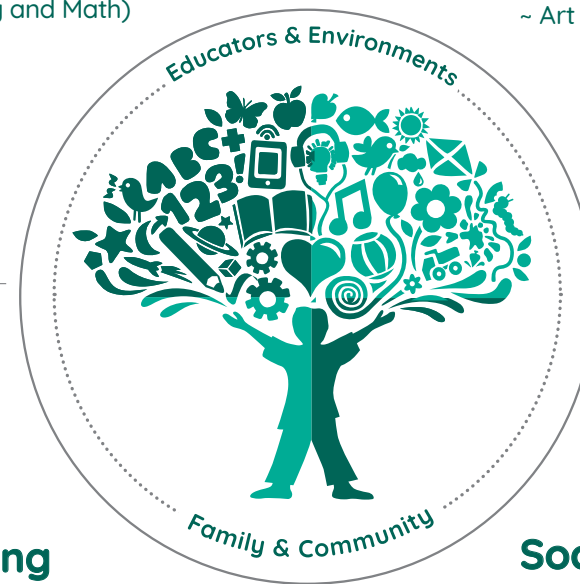
## Health & Wellbeing

- ~ Physical Activity and Nutrition
- ~ Health (Speech, Occupational Therapy, Vision)
- ~ Safe Sleep



## Social Development

- ~ Trust, Respect and Relationships
- ~ Positive Behavioural Guidance
- ~ Resilience and Mindfulness



## Outcomes

1. Children have a strong sense of identity
2. Children are connected with and contributing to their world
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
4. Children are confident and involved learners
5. Children are effective communicators

# Growing Young Minds

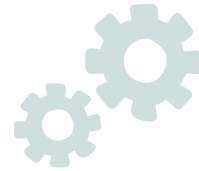
**An age-based Curriculum that provides learning opportunities every day.**

Our unique Grow Curriculum is designed by our in-house curriculum specialists and is guided by the Australian Early Years Learning Framework and the Australian National Curriculum. It's tailored specifically for Nursery, Toddler and Preschool/ Kindergarten children with a dedicated two year School Readiness Program. A focus on left-brain logic and right-brain creativity is at the heart of our approach to early learning. We go beyond education to encompass the social development, health and wellbeing of every child, every day.

## About Our Grow Curriculum

Grow is unique. Our innovative Curriculum differs from other early education programs in its play-centric approach. Our small group-learning environment continuously reviews your child's progress and intentionally creates teachings to suit their needs based on their successes, skills and challenges.

Play is our way. Learning is woven into every day, through both structured and unstructured experiences. With play-based learning, every moment is an opportunity to learn – and is fun at the same time!



Learning with us is engaging, fun and relevant to each child's unique developmental age.







## Left Brain Logic

Literacy and language, exploration and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and sustainability are taught by our dedicated Educators in small groups using active strategies such as demonstrating, open questioning, shared thinking and problem-solving.





“The play-based and practical approach to learning has been wonderful for my son. Only About Children focus on sustainability, exploration and problem solving which aligns with our parenting philosophy.”

Simone and Andrew, Preschool Parents – Enmore Campus



**“Only About Children has encouraged my daughter’s creativity. Every day she participates in activities like painting, music and dance.”**

Angelica, Toddler Parent - Turrumurra Tennyson Ave Campus



## Right Brain Creativity

Music, dramatic play and art are practiced daily through play-based learning and uninterrupted play. Our campuses have an abundance of stimulating resources to encourage your child's creativity, whether that's building a sculpture in the sandpit or painting a mini-masterpiece.



# Social Development

**Our small group environments are designed to nurture and encourage your child's social development.**

There is more to your child's education than reading and writing. Their social development and communication skills set them up for success as they transition through school and in life. Feel confident that your child has the age-appropriate skills they need as they transition to school.

From Nursery through to Kindergarten/Preschool age, your child will experience play-based learning and participate with fellow children and Educators alike, to build trusting and respectful relationships, independence, resilience, and mindfulness.

To prepare your child for life in the classroom, our Educators nurture these key social skills. They'll spend days learning about self, cooperation and turn-taking, shared decision making, empathy and dealing with social challenges. Far beyond school, these skills will help them thrive as they move through life.





**“My child has graduated from Only About Children confident, inquisitive, happy and ready to take on the world. I couldn’t be more pleased.”**

Vivien, Kindergarten Parent – South Melbourne Campus

# Health & Wellbeing

**Beyond education – supporting your child’s health & wellbeing.**

Our health & wellbeing focus includes physical activity, nutrition, safe sleep and allied health services. It’s thoughtfully designed and delivered by our dedicated in-house team of Dietitians, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists and Vision Specialists. As part of Only About Children, you’ll receive support through individual consultations upon request and information workshops – that’s for your whole family – and all included in your daily fee.



## Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy aims to promote a child’s participation and independence in everyday, age-appropriate activities. A child’s occupation includes play, learning, motor skills and socialising. Our in-house Occupational Therapists can provide strategies for success and link you to support if your child is having difficulty in any areas of development.



## Speech & Language

Speech and language skills are integral to your child’s development. Our dedicated team of Speech Pathologists help children to develop age-appropriate speech sounds, as well as develop and increase their understanding and use of language. We also provide support with feeding/swallowing difficulties. At your request, we’re able to do an assessment to identify any speech and/or language difficulties, providing recommendations for appropriate therapies to aid in your child’s development.



## Vision

We know eye examinations can be a daunting experience (for children and adults alike), so we make fun the focus! After assessing if a vision problem exists, our experts provide recommendations for appropriate therapies. At Only About Children, we screen all children in their year prior to school to ensure they’re classroom-ready.



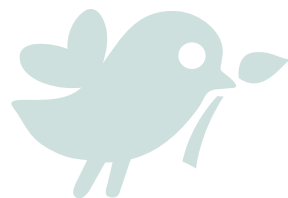
## Physical Activity

Physical confidence is important for every child's self-esteem and wellbeing. Our daily program helps children learn important gross motor skills and develop a love of physical activity. Children improve their hand-eye coordination, balance, flexibility, fitness, motor planning and body awareness through a range of activities. With each session there are ways to make the activity easier or harder to ensure that all children can participate and most importantly, they're having fun.



## Safe Sleep

Our Educators have been trained in positive sleep practices by qualified Family Health Nurses and Consultants through our partnership with 'Safe Sleep Space'. This means a better chance of sweet dreams in a safe and nurturing environment. For children that have transitioned to one nap or have dropped their day-time sleep altogether, we offer quiet moments of reading and relaxation.





## Nutrition

**We believe good nutrition plays a vital role in children's mental and physical development in early childhood.**

Children learn from their environment. By the time they reach school age, they're likely to have already formed lifelong eating patterns. Our approach to nutrition combines education and yummy, nutritious meals, to guide children towards healthy food habits, both now and in the future.



## Sample Menu

<b>Breakfast</b>	Fresh fruit, assorted cereals and toast with various spreads
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Crunchy granola yoghurt sundae
<b>Lunch</b>	Rainbow chicken pilaf served with summer vegetables (vegetarian option available)
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Blackbean brownies with fresh summer fruit
<b>Snack</b>	Seasonal fruit with cheese and wholegrain rice crackers

**Our in-house Dietitians design a rotating seasonal menu tailored to the developmental age of each child. Every Only About Children campus has its own in-house cook to freshly prepare all meals daily, from breakfast through to a pre-dinner snack. Dietary requirements are accommodated and delicious vegetarian alternatives are available.**



**“Our daughter is a very fussy eater, but she loves the food at Only About Children and eating with her friends. It is a relief knowing she is eating variety and trying new things.”**

Julie and Thomas, Toddler Parents - Asquith Campus



**“The Campus Director is so approachable and went above and beyond to make our family feel welcome.”**

Michelle, Nursery Parent – Coogee Campus

# Communicating and Partnering with Families

**We believe communication is the key to unlocking your child's full potential whilst in our care.**

Families are at the heart of everything we do. We see you as the first, most influential teacher in a child's life, and that's something we aim to tap into through building strong connections and open communication. We'd love to hear your child's story and meet their unique needs every day that they're with us on campus.

In fact, we're so dedicated to each child and their learning potential that we work in partnership with our families. In consultation with you, we create an individual learning and development plan, unique to your child, their progress, and aspirations, and we keep you informed about your child's progress on an ongoing basis. Our in-house Allied Health team are also available upon request to provide guidance and advice on a child's development.

With a family-first mindset, we have an open-door policy and love parents and caregivers to join us at family events, incursions and excursions. To stay connected, our campuses hold regular social events where you'll meet other families and celebrate your child's milestones. Events include morning and afternoon teas, BBQs and more!

## Our Enrolment and Family Support Teams

To make sure our Campus Directors focus is on your child's education, we have teams to manage the enrolment process and ongoing family support through your time with us. Their sole purpose is to provide you with the most up-to-date, efficient and professional advice and service.

## The Communication App

Children grow up so fast – we don't want you to miss a moment. Our communication app is a wonderful resource to keep you connected to your child's learning and development throughout the day, and is conveniently linked directly to our Grow Curriculum learning outcomes. Every day, your Campus Team will send updates on your child's routine and progress.

---

**“I love getting the daily updates on my phone while I am at work. It is reassuring to see that my son is happy and learning new things.”**

Marco, Preschool Parent – Leichhardt Norton Plaza Campus



# Our People

## More Than A Job, A Rewarding Career.

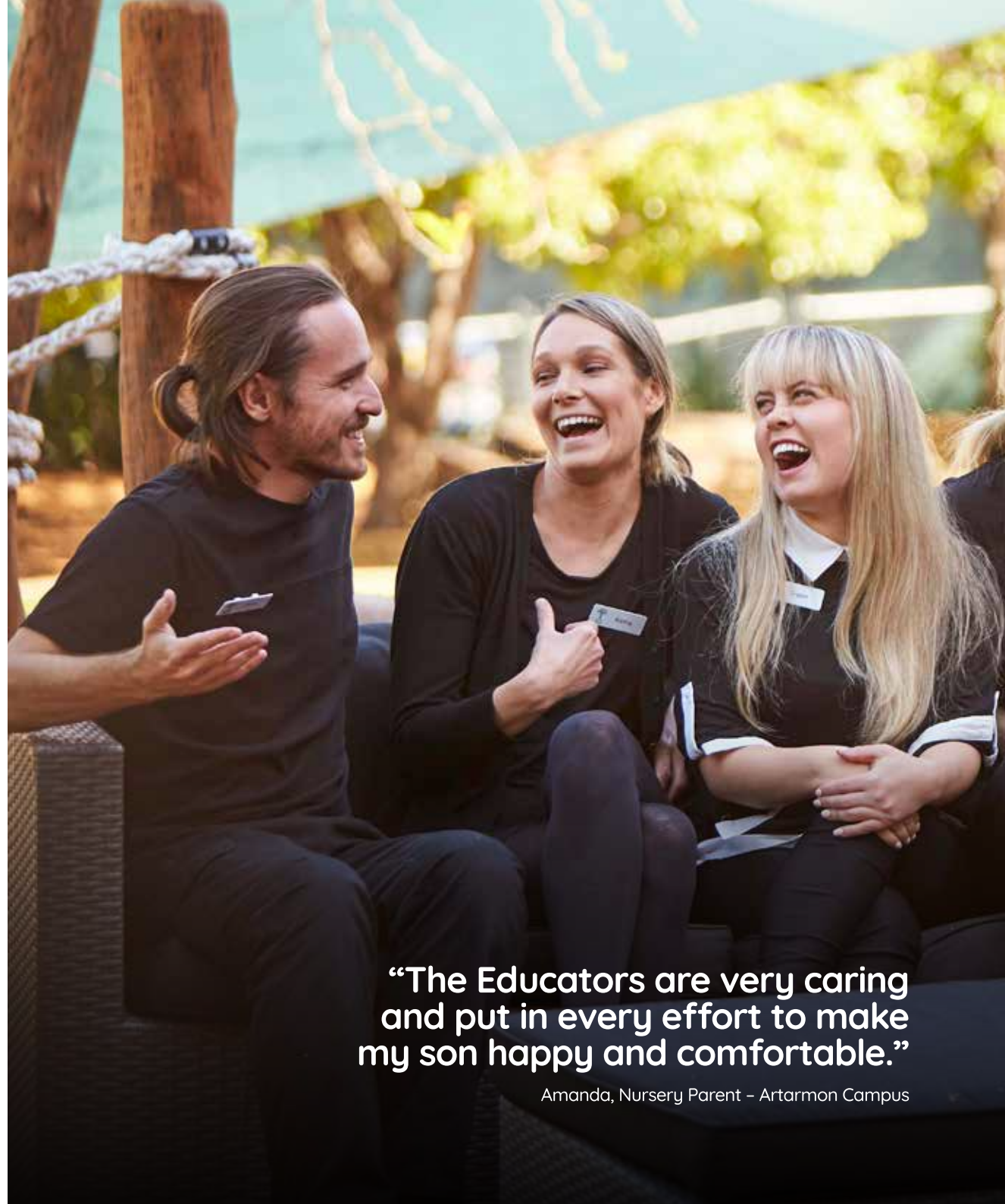
Qualified, professional, respectful, caring...we look for these traits and more in our people. We don't think that's too much to ask for. After all, the care and guidance of your children is so important.

We seek out passionate people who are looking for a career, not simply a job. This means you'll see more focus, experience, commitment and energy being shown to your child. Within every campus are degree-qualified Early Childhood Teachers.

Attracting and retaining high quality Educators is a key part of The OAC Way because building long-lasting relationships with your child and family are vital. To do this, we inspire, reward and support our team in a range of ways.

We also offer an ongoing leadership development program and study assistance to ensure continual learning and up-skilling. We encourage activities that increase team cohesion to help create an engaging work environment.

Having fulfilled, happy Educators and support staff with access to the latest resources, infrastructure, training courses and programs deliver enormous benefits to your child's early learning experiences.



**“The Educators are very caring and put in every effort to make my son happy and comfortable.”**

Amanda, Nursery Parent – Artarmon Campus

# Our Campuses

## An Environment To Thrive.

Our Campuses aim to spark your children's senses, invite curiosity and discovery, and teach children to respect and appreciate the space around them. These are the values we nurture at Only About Children.

Our classrooms are designed in line with our Grow Curriculum and are built to provide for each child's unique learning styles, strengths and interests. It's a nurturing environment to develop key skills such as self-regulation, autonomy and independence; useful in early development and beyond!

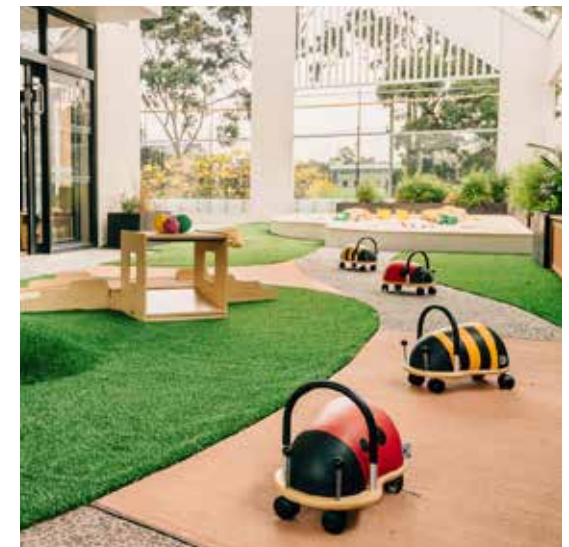
Our Campuses feel natural and are thoughtfully designed to optimise on-site resources for both our Educators and your child.

Your child's safety is paramount. Feel comforted in the knowledge we use keypad security access and safety gates at every Campus. Shaded play areas, well-maintained buildings and resources provide a safe and secure environment for exploration and learning.

Sustainable practices are a regular part of our Educators' daily routine. These might include a vegetable and herb garden, compost or worm farm systems. These are great ways to educate on the natural world and interests for your child to take home.

Other regular sustainable practices include:

- Recycling
- Gardening
- Water conservation
- Making natural choices for play materials
- Exploring the natural world



# Joining Our Family

We'd love to be a part of your family's childcare journey and welcome you to the Only About Children community.

---

## Tour our Campus and Meet the Team at Only About Children

Ready to take the next step? We welcome your family to come for a Campus Tour, meet our Educators and ask us any questions you may have. It's the perfect way for us to share our learning environments with you and reassure you that your child will always be in safe hands. Book a tour today via [oac.edu.au](https://oac.edu.au) or phone our team on **138 622**.

## Campus Locations

For a full list of our campus locations visit [oac.edu.au](https://oac.edu.au).





**“The Educators are wonderful. They really invest in creating a nurturing, family environment.”**

Simon, Preschool Parent – Mosman Campus





**Only About  
Children**

More Than Childcare

Only About Children PTY LTD | ABN 94 107 666 624