



Best New Programme Award Regional Winner - Profile

Allround Kids

How many children attend your programme?

Allround Kids began operating in February 2008. We opened our doors with only two children enrolled! We have experienced steady growth and at this point we have 30 children attending the programme.

How many staff do you have?

Allround Kids has 4 staff members.

What does a typical day at your OSCAR programme look like?

At Allround Kids we begin our day by meeting the children at the school playground. We work hard to give every individual a cheery and enthusiastic greeting. The children are walked to our programme site, the community hall adjacent to the school, and enjoy a brief mat time. This is their opportunity to make the transition from school to after school with a quick sharing time and a fun game. Following this we serve afternoon tea, a healthy and appetising snack enjoyed around a table, facilitating our programmes family spirit. As the children finish eating they are free to choose from a wide range of games and activities, with outside time included. Homework is then completed and the children are encouraged to discuss and share their learning with staff. Each week Allround Kids runs a theme for its participants, providing a focus for all their enthusiasm! Every day we offer an extra special activity that is based on the theme. The end of the Allround Kids day involves a tidy up time and our final mat time, a chance to wind down together before heading home.

Please provide 5 children's quotes on why they love coming to your programme?

"At Allround kids I like it when we go outside because it is fun and I can get fresh air instead of being inside all day." (*Johnathon, 10 years old*)

"At Allround Kids I like the marble run because it is fun." (*Matt Holmes aged 6*)

"At Allround Kids I like it when Lini and Abbey help us to do our homework so we don't have to do it at home." (*Daniel, 9 years old*)

"At Allround Kids I like cooking because I have a chance to cook most of the time." (*Nadine, 11 years old*)

"At Allround Kids I like the games and the food because the games are fun and the food is nutritious." (*Kristen, 9 years old*)

Why should you become The OSCAR Foundation National Award winner?

Although Allround Kids is a fledgling OSCAR programme, we believe we are already adding real value to the lives of our participants.

All policies and programming decisions at Allround Kids are based on caring; caring for one another as a staff, as a group, and as a part of the community. To this end management actively seeks the opinion of its staff, which are encouraged to facilitate programming ideas, their contributions are recognised as invaluable. Parents and caregivers are regularly consulted and management act upon the suggestions that are given! Most importantly Allround Kids cares





about its children, we regularly canvas their opinion and ensure they have a real say in planning and resource development. Allround Kids is aware of the need for their programme participants to feel that they belong, thus we are undergoing a move towards using equipment and storage containers that are made from natural fibres in inviting colours, creating a warm and cosy environment for all to enjoy.

Allround Kids is working hard to create an environmentally friendly programme, we recycle and reuse and have recently begun using our afternoon tea scraps to feed the worms at the local play centre!

Allround Kids runs a quality OSCAR programme, it is exciting, stimulating and provides its participants with a real sense of belonging, we know we have a great outlook and are excited about our future initiatives.

