



Best New Programme Award Regional Winner - Profile

OSCAR Intermediate Programme

How many children attend your programme?

On average our After School Programme caters for between 12-18 intermediate school children a day.

How many staff do you have?

Ponsonby O.S.C.A.R generally allocates 2 staff members to our Intermediate Programme. Staff share responsibilities with regard to programme development and delivery.

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

We run a project based programme which means we don't have a typical day. We have a different project/activity everyday with the exception of a few ongoing term projects. Our projects/activities include:

- Fundraising
- Community Projects (painting over graffiti etc)
- Graffiti Projects (learning the difference between Street Art, Graffiti and Tagging.)
- Competitions
- Sports
- Arts
- Video game and computer activities
- Cooking
- Excursions(Burger Fuel, Pool hall, Swimming, Megazone, Art gallery etc)
- + More

The Intermediates choose what they want to do and we plan it. We take a "why not" approach e.g. if the children ask for an activity we think "why not" and then "can we make it happen?"

The general rundown for Intermediate Programme is as follows:

- Children arrive on site after school has finished.
- Staff conduct meet and greet with children.
- Afternoon Tea
- Project Time

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

"Everybody gets along and supports each other. That's what I like most about the programme." (MF)

"Well I think it's fun, great and cool because you get to do things that you wont do much in our everyday lives." (MB)

"We get to pick what we do and meet new people from other schools." (AS)

"I like the programme because I get to meet cool people and the staff are awesome." (TC)

"It's awesome because it's fun" (CD)





Why should you become The OSCAR Foundation National Award winner?

Because there is absolutely no doubt that our children are happy here. It's a cliché but the programme is designed by kids, for kids. Because of this fact the children have ownership of the programme. They are proud of it and are constantly improving it.

We can't stop going on about our kids here. They have made and still make the programme and for anyone else to take the credit is wrong. They are creating their own memories and they are creating what we hope will be lifetime bonds with each other. They work together to achieve their goals even in the individual activities. Some of them even take over the organisational side, for example they write our shopping lists, do the attendance sheet and help with housekeeping. Our supervisors are always training, planning and gathering ideas but so do the kids.

The children inspire us to work harder and that is the foundation of what we do. We have a unique and successful programme and we say this without hesitation. All we do is ask what they want to do and try and make it happen. We believe in our work and our programme deserves to win.

