Murray Bridge North School

North Terrace, Murray Bridge 5253   Phone: 8532 3055   Mob: 0418 809 115

School Information Pack

for

Parents and Carers
Welcome

Welcome to Murray Bridge North School.

Murray Bridge North School is an amalgamated school combining the best of Murray Bridge Primary School and Murray Bridge Junior Primary School.

By combining the two specialist Junior Primary and Primary schools into one school, we have the skills and expertise to offer a quality education to your child, in one setting.

We hope you and your child(ren) really enjoy their time with us.

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Deputy Principal: Mrs. Kay McInerney
Senior Leader: Mrs. Linda Fox
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The School Email: dl.0299_admin@schools.sa.edu.au
Deputy Principal’s Email: kay.mcinerney456@schools.sa.edu.au

Murray Bridge North School is a school of approximately 570 students. We celebrate and acknowledge students with a diverse range of cultural and social backgrounds. In addition we have more than 60 aboriginal students attending school and have strong and developing links with the aboriginal community. The range of cultures present in our school adds to the atmosphere of the school and allows us to acknowledge, value and celebrate considerable cultural diversity.

Our school has excellent and spacious grounds. These are well maintained with modern and safe play equipment for the students.

Our curriculum is based on the Australian Curriculum with additional expertise in Science, Physical Education, Art, Music and Languages. The Music program is widely recognized and acknowledged as providing an opportunity for students to develop and ultimately provide a strong pathway to secondary education.

The School Choir performs each year at the Festival Theatre in Adelaide.

Through SAPSASA our students have opportunities of training in a range of sports to the highest state levels.

We are a safe language zone for all students, staff and parents.

We have an educational priority in both Reading and Spelling and students are expected to read aloud to an adult everyday – hence we enlist the support of parents and caregivers to ensure that their child reads and is not disadvantaged.
General Information

Absence from school
If your child is away you must inform the school via text of the reason for their absence when they return to school. You can also contact the school on 0418 809 115 and leave your name, your child name and a reason for absence.

Please note that children who are absent for three or more days due to sickness must have a medical certificate covering the full length of their absence.

Unexplained or frequent absences and lateness will be followed up with families as part of the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) requirements.

Acknowledgement Letter
When your child is enrolled at school, we ask that you sign an ‘Acknowledgement Letter’ which indicates that you are aware of a number of things that are important to our school.

Attendance
Regular attendance at school is required by DECD from enrolment to age 16.

All attendance information is recorded every day with lateness and absence details also being collected. For more information see the School Attendance page included in this pack.

Bell Times
A teacher is on duty in the yard between 8:30am and 8:50am. Students are to arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am

- 8:50am: Classes commence
- 10:40am – 11:00am: Recess
- 12:50pm – 1:30pm: Lunch
- 3:10pm: Dismissal

During wet weather and extremely hot days, children are supervised in the classrooms during break times.

Bus transport
DECD and town buses are available to transport children to and from school. Teachers supervise the bus stop area from 8.20 – 8.30am and from 3.10 – 3.50pm

For more information and bus routes, inquire at the Front Office or contact the bus company listed below. Please note that families must live more than five kilometres from the nearest primary school to be eligible for free school bus travel.

Town Bus: Link SA  ph. 8532 2633
Canteen
The canteen on site is open daily. Children can order lunch by using a lunch bag and placing it in the classroom tub. Lunches are collected by each class. Parent volunteers help with the preparation of lunches and snacks and are always appreciated. For more information on canteen duties, please contact the canteen manager.

Clothing and belonging
All children are expected to wear school uniform. Please refer to the Uniform Policy approved by Governing Council (attached)

A Lost Property tub is located near the library. Please check the tub regularly, as it is emptied at the end of each term. ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED.

Communication
The education of your child is a shared process between school and home, therefore it is important to maintain regular communication. If you have any concerns or questions, please talk to your child’s teacher or leadership staff. The school has a Grievance Procedure, included in your enrolment pack, which all members of the school community are expected to follow.

Contacting the school
Phone: (08) 8532 3055
Mob: 0418 809 115
Facsimile: (08) 8531 0004
Email: dl.0299.admin@schools.sa.edu.au
Post: 1 North Terrace
Murray Bridge SA 5253

Counsellor
Our School Counsellor works with individual students, parents, teachers, small groups and classes. These sessions may include work on relationships, working in groups, behaviour management issues and social skills. If you need to speak to our counsellor, please contact the school for an appointment.

Crunch n’ Sip
Crunch n’ Sip is a healthy snack program in which our school participates. This consists of a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable and water at about 10am daily. Please note – muesli bars, roll-ups and other dried fruit snacks cannot be eaten at healthy snack time. Please provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable daily.

Parents are requested to send a water bottle to school (no cordial or other drinks) which students keep on their desk to support learning and optimum brain function.
Early departures and late arrivals
Students are to arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:50a.m. and leave promptly at 3:10p.m. each day. Students are not to be on the grounds outside of these times. The Out of School Hours Care facility located on the school grounds offers care before and after these hours (see information following). (Students on the school grounds outside of school hours will be directed to OSHC and an account forwarded to families for care provided.)

Fees
School fees are kept at a minimum and provide your child with stationery, art equipment, photocopying and specific activities such as swimming and some visiting performances. Families will receive an invoice when your child has started school. Payment can occur either as a lump sum or in instalments. Some families are entitled to government assistance under the School Card Scheme. Please enquire at the Front Office if you think your family may be eligible.

First Aid & Health Information
During break times, student injuries will be treated by the yard duty teacher, or by Front Office staff if the injury is more serious. Parents will be notified if further action is required. In case of an emergency an ambulance will be called. Parents / carers will be asked to complete a Healthcare plan if their child has health needs which may require treatment or medication is required at school. The Healthcare plan and any other information given on the enrolment form is confidential, and access to it is governed by Information Privacy Principles. Please ask for further information at the Front Office if required.

PLEASE NOTE THAT STAFF ARE UNABLE TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION UNLESS THERE IS A MEDICATION PLAN SIGNED BY A DOCTOR. PARENTS MUST NOT SEND MEDICATION TO SCHOOL WITHOUT A SIGNED PLAN.

Please see Health Care Support section included in this pack.

Governing Council
The Governing Council makes decisions on school management. Meetings are held twice per term in weeks 3 and 8 and are open to any interested person – please enquire at the Front Office for dates and times. New school councillors are elected at the Annual General Meeting in Term 1. Councillors elect to be on various committees e.g. grounds, finance. Contact the Principal for more information.

Head Lice
Many children at some time will have head lice. It is not a measure of cleanliness, in fact, head lice prefer clean hair. A note will be sent home advising you of suitable treatment if

- Head lice are found in your child’s class
- If your child has head lice.

Please follow the advice on head lice treatment contained in this Parent Pack. Head lice treatment products are available from the Front Office. Children who have been sent home for treatment must report to the Front Office before returning to class. Further information for treating headlice can be found on MBNS website.
Inclement weather policy

As our school is fully air-conditioned we do not have early dismissal during hot weather. Students remain indoors during play periods if the temperature is forecast to exceed 37 degrees, or in the case of rain.

Infectious Diseases List

If your child contracts any of the following diseases please keep them at home for the stated time.

- **German Measles**: 7 days or until fully recovered
- **Chicken Pox**: 7 days or until fully recovered
- **Measles**: 7 days or until fully recovered
- **Ringworm**: Keep covered. Students may attend school once medical treatment starts.
- **School Sores**: Blisters must have healed over. Keep covered while at school.
- **Whooping Cough**: 4 weeks, or until medical certificate of recovery is produced.

Learning

Our teaching program is focused on the Australian Curriculum and our school priorities are Literacy and Numeracy. In addition we offer specialised learning programs in Science, Art, Music, LOTE (Languages Other Than English) and Physical Education.

Library

All children have access to borrowing from the school library.

Please note that accounts will be issued for damaged or lost library books.

Money

All money for school fees, uniforms, excursions etc. needs to be paid at the Front Office. Open daily.

Newsletter

School newsletters are published fortnightly on Tuesdays. These are available on the school website ([www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au](http://www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au)); Facebook page; Skoolbag app and emailed (if you have provided the office with your email address). A few paper copies are available from the front office.

Out of School Hours Care

Before and after school hours care is provided by qualified adults on the school grounds in the ‘Old House’. Further information included in this pack.

Parent Club

Parent Club provides an opportunity for parents / carers to be involved in their child’s education. It is a forum for parents to gain and share information and ideas, convey views and concerns, share what is happening in classes and to raise funds for the school. This group meets twice a term at school. Contact the school for further details.
Parking
Please note that North/West Terraces in front of the school are ONE WAY streets. A kiss and drop zone exists at the front of the school and is a NO PARKING ZONE.

Parking is available on North/West Terraces and Railway Terrace. Murray Bridge Council restrictions apply for illegal stopping / standing and parking. Parents / carers are asked not to park in the staff car parks, or allow children to use the car parks as a walkway into the school.

Reading
Every child is expected to read aloud to an adult every day.

This requires a major commitment from parents and carers, but will be of a huge benefit to your child.

Teachers will monitor the home reading program.

If you need books or help with reading, please let your child’s teacher know.

Reporting to parents
Parent interviews are held during the year, at which we encourage 100% attendance, and written reports are sent home two times per year in terms 2 and 4.

Formal Parent/Teacher interviews are held in Term 1.

Parents / carers are able to request an interview with their child’s teacher at a mutually convenient time to discuss their child’s learning and progress at school.

Safe Language
Murray Bridge North School is a Safe Language Zone.

We do not tolerate swearing or offensive behaviour of any kind.

This applies to everyone who attends or visits the school, or any school event.

Special Services
DECD offers support services to eligible students with special needs. These include speech pathology, hearing support, psychological assessment and behaviour management. Please contact the class teacher if you have concerns about your child’s learning.

Learner Voice
Groups of elected students from each class attend regular Student Voice meetings. Students share ideas and learn a variety of skills which young people need to help them work cooperatively and solve problems. Students can apply to become a member of a Learner Voice. These committees provide opportunities for students to have input into fundraising, lunchtime activities, school environment, canteen, cultural events, Junior School liaison and promoting the school image. Each committee shares information with the wider school community through class meetings, assemblies and school council.
**Student Behaviour**

Our school has very high expectations around student behavior and this is supported by the Student Learner Behaviour Policy. *Please refer to the Learner Behaviour Policy approved by Governing Council (attached)*

The Student Learning Behaviour sets out the expectations, how student behaviour is managed and consequences for students should the learning of others be interrupted.

> Every child has the right to an uninterrupted education

**There needs to be reasonable take up time for students as they move through the steps.**

Steps for inappropriate behaviour that interrupts learning are:

1. Warning
2. Class Timeout
3. Buddy Class Time Out
4. Take Home

It is strongly recommended that all parents and students read the Student Learner Behavior Policy on the school web site.

**Transition**

The schools have an extensive transition program for children coming from Kindergarten, going into year 8, or going into Special Options. Programs include visiting their new school or class for orientation days.

**Uniforms**

*All children are expected to wear school uniform. Please refer to the Uniform Policy approved by Governing Council (attached)*
School Attendance

Benefits of attending school
Children who regularly attend school and engage in the learning program are happier and more successful as adults. It is important for children to develop habits of regular on-time attendance from the time they are enrolled in Reception.

Must I send my child to school?
In South Australia, all children between the ages of 6 and 16 are required by law to attend school regularly. Children under 6 years of age, once enrolled, are subject to the same attendance requirements as children under compulsion.

Do I have to send my child every day?
Yes! Unless:

- The child is too sick to leave the house
- The child has an infectious disease, e.g. Chicken Pox
- The child has an injury preventing movement
- The child is going on a family holiday (speak to your child’s teacher about a school exemption)
- The principal is provided with a genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child’s attendance

Must I Notify The School If My Child Is Away?
Yes!
If your child is away you must inform the school in writing of the reason for their absence on the day that they return to school. A medical certificate must be provided to cover absences of 3 days or longer due to illness. Unexplained and frequent absences will be followed up with families as part of the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) requirements.
If your child is going to be away for an extended period of time, e.g. family holiday, please speak with your child’s teacher about organising a school exemption.

DECD definitions
SATISFACTORY occasional non-attendance - less than 3 days per term
UNSATISFACTORY habitual non-attendance - between 3 and 9 days per term
UNACCEPTABLE chronic non-attendance - 10 days or more per term

Assistance
There are many staff members who can assist you if attendance is an issue for your child or family. Please make initial contact through your child’s teacher or leadership staff.
Grievance Procedures

Raising issues
At Murray Bridge North Schools we believe that good relationships among members of our school community give children a greater chance of success.

From time to time, issues, concerns or problems may arise which need to be dealt with in a timely and supportive manner.

Principles of our policy:
- Everyone has the right to express his or her concerns in a safe and confidential manner.
- The person concerned has the right to respond to the issues raised.
- The aim of the process is to attempt to reach a mutual understanding and acceptable compromise.
- Everyone should be treated with respect
- Grievances are best dealt with promptly
- Although people may feel aggrieved, sometimes they may choose not to act.

Students
If you have concerns, these are some steps you could follow:
- Talk to a trusted friend, parent or staff member to help understand the problem and feelings.
- Arrange a mutually convenient time to speak to the person concerned.
- You could organise a mediator to help with the meeting.
- Explain your problem, keeping to the facts. Do this when you are feeling calm.
- Talk together about some ways the problem could be solved.
- Try to agree on solutions. It is best for these to be written down.
- If you are not happy with the outcome, make a time to speak about the problem with a staff member you trust.
- If the issue is still unresolved, speak to an adult at home. Keep seeking help from other adults.

Parents / Caregivers
If you have concerns, these are the recommended steps to follow:
- Talk it over confidentially with someone you trust to clarify the issue.
- Arrange a mutually convenient time to speak to the person concerned.
- You may wish to organise a mediator to help with the meeting.
- Explain your issue, keeping to the facts.
- Give the other person the opportunity to express their views.
Explore a range of solutions, attempting to reach agreement. It may be helpful to record agreed solutions.

- Allow a reasonable timeframe for the issue to be addressed.
- If you are not satisfied with the outcome, arrange a time to speak to a member of the leadership team.
- If the issue is still unresolved, arrange a time to speak to the Educational Director about it by calling the District Education Office on 8532 0700.

**Support Strategies**

Before meeting about the concern:

- Seek advice in ways that maintain confidentiality.
- Write down your concern to assist in keeping on track during the meeting.
- Consider a range of solutions.
- Arrange a meeting which allows enough time to discuss the issues.
- Focus on the problem, not the person.

During the meeting:

- Outline the issue, stating your needs.
- Speak clearly and calmly.
- Listen to the other person’s point of view.
- Offer possible solutions. Aim for something you will be happy with, and be prepared to compromise.
- If at the conclusion of the meeting you consider the issue is still not resolved, say so.

If there is no resolution:

- You may decide to monitor the situation before meeting with the person again.
- You may decide to take the concern to the next step.

*The Parent Complaint Unit can be contacted at:*

*Parent Complaint Unit of the Department for Education and Child Development*

*1800 677 435 (Freecall – standard call charges apply to mobile phones)*
Student Uniform Policy and Procedures

ALL students attending Murray Bridge North School will wear full school uniform as approved by the Governing Council.

Guiding Principle

The purpose of the Uniform Policy is to support and encourage all students attending our school be clearly identifiable in our school colours and to be recognized as belonging to the Murray Bridge North School. The blue (Primary Yrs 3 - 7) or red (Junior Primary Yrs R - 2) colour easily identifies students.

The Uniform Policy has been determined by the Governing Council after consultation with the school community, parents/caregivers, students and staff.

Parents and carers are expected to support the student’s wearing of the school uniform and acknowledge this support at the time of student enrolment.

Procedures for School Uniform

Every student will wear school uniform at school and on all excursions, trips and when attending school events. Students may wear the special purpose Year 7 top, choir top, Deadly Award top or sports uniform as appropriate or as approved by the Principal or Deputy Principal for special events from time to time.

Any student not wearing the polo top at school, will be sent to the front office to borrow a top from the ‘lend out’ cupboard. The office records the name and class of the student and notes that they have a ‘borrowed’ school top.

- The ‘borrowed’ top is for wearing in the school ONLY (this means that students cannot borrow uniform for excursions and cannot leave the school without appropriate uniform)
- The ‘borrowed’ top is returned to the office at the end of the school day
- Hats are NOT lent out.

The school uniform is to be worn in the appropriate manner. When in class the uniform is to be worn ‘on the outside’ of other clothing so the blue or red colour is clear and visible.

What is our School Uniform?

The uniform is defined as the following:

- A plain blue or red polo top, with or without the school logo supported by blue or red windcheaters with or without logo.
- Black, navy or grey pants or shorts. This includes denim or track pants but must be plain (side stripe is acceptable but NO advertising logos).
- Students may also wear the school summer dress (red or blue check), or black, navy or dark skirt or shorts with the appropriate school top. This includes a denim skirt (however the guidelines for length and appropriateness apply). Black tights or leggings may be worn under the skirt or shorts.
- A hat which is a school ‘bucket’ or broad brimmed hat in navy. Murray Bridge North School is a SUNSAFE School and all students are to wear a school hat that meets the SUNSAFE Guidelines.
- An appropriate hat will be worn by all students during Terms 1 and 4, however, no hat is required in Term 2 or Term 3.
No hat = no play. Students without a hat in Terms 1 and 4 will sit / play under identified shelter areas.

Shoes should be sneakers, runners or solid shoes.

No open toe sandals are acceptable for Occupational Health and Safety reasons.

All footwear needs to be secured to the student’s feet by a strap, velcro or laces.

The preference is for the sole of shoes / runner to be white as this protects the gym floor.

Students are to wear hair colour which is a natural colour.

Students with hair that is shoulder length or longer need to tie their hair back using a plain hair tie.

Not Part of School Uniform.

For safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery, rings and necklaces is to be minimal, with the exception of simple studs and / or sleepers, watches and “medi – alert” type medallions. Any jewellery containing a ‘loop’ or ring is not acceptable. Other visible piercings will be small studs only.

In support of the SUNSAFE policy and for general student safety, the following articles are NOT school wear –

- Mini skirts or brief shorts – the student must be able to stand upright, with their arms to their side and the tips of their fingers touching their shorts or skirt.
- High heeled shoes, slippers or thongs. Slip-on shoes are not to be worn to school.
- Make-up
- Articles of clothing with inappropriate wording or designs.

Excursions

For ease of recognition and identification, students will wear school uniform for out of school events such as District Sports Days, High School Transition and Choir Performances and ALL school excursions. This contributes to the safety of students.

New Enrolments

Students who are newly enrolled in the school are asked to be in full school uniform. If this is not possible, they should be dressed in ‘neat casual dress’ and wear as much of the school uniform as possible.

It should be noted that ALL other aspects of the Uniform Policy and Procedures apply to students who are newly enrolled – that is shoes, jewellery, make up, hats etc. … Newly enrolled students will be dressed ‘appropriately’ for school until full uniform is available. This should be negotiated with the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Parent & Caregiver Support

Parents and caregivers are expected to support their children in the wearing of school uniform.

ALL students will be subject to the Uniform Policy and Procedures. Notes of explanation from parents / caregivers will be accepted by the Principal as information, but will not excuse the students from wearing school uniform.

Casual Days

Special days and casual days are arranged from time to time.

The Principal or Deputy Principal have the final judgement about what is school uniform or if the student is suitably dressed for school.
Health Care Support

Our school is committed to supporting the health and well-being of all students. We acknowledge that parents / carers are primarily responsible for their child’s health care. This includes responsibility for providing accurate, up-to-date, relevant information to school staff regarding children’s routine and emergency health care needs. Students will be supported to develop safe, self-management of their health care needs. This will occur with respect for the child’s age and stage of development.

First Aid
If a child becomes unexpectedly ill or injured, staff will:
• Administer basic first aid
• Contact the front office
• Front office staff will call an ambulance if needed and continue to administer basic first aid
• Inform parent / carer (or emergency contact) if first aid might need follow-up at home or with a doctor (e.g. head injury, excessive nose bleed, or other agreed circumstances.)

If students require first aid off site (e.g. excursions, camps, buses), staff will:
• Administer basic first aid
• Call an ambulance if needed and continue to administer basic first aid
• Inform parent / guardian (or emergency contact) if first aid might need follow-up at home or with a doctor

First aid from classroom:
• Teachers can administer basic first aid using supplies in their first aid bags (bandaids, mediwipes)
• If more first aid is needed child to be sent to front office with ‘First Aid Required’ form.
• SSOs to administer first aid, record on office first aid log and contact parents if necessary.
  If parents are contacted, SSOs will ensure teachers are informed promptly.

First aid from yard:
• Teachers can administer basic first aid using supplies in their first aid bags.
• If more first aid is needed child to be sent to front office with ‘Red Cross Card’.
• SSOs to administer first aid, record on office first aid log and contact parents if necessary.
  If parents are contacted, SSOs will ensure teachers are informed promptly.
• If there is a first aid or other emergency, teachers send a red card to the front office and staff room for support.

All head injuries need to be reported to parent / carer by phone or written note.

Routine health and personal care support
Some students may require assistance with their routine or emergency health and personal care needs. Before staff can assist with this, parents / carers must provide written information from their doctor which outlines specific care needs. Forms for ‘Care Plans’ are available from the front office for a range of health conditions and needs, including:
• Asthma
• Diabetes
• Anaphylaxis (severe allergy)
• Medical information (for General health care or those without specific forms)
• General health information (to be completed by a general practitioner, psychiatrist or psychologist)

The purpose of these ‘Care Plans’ forms is to ensure that the school has information from the treating health professional relevant to the student’s health, well-being, attendance, learning and care whilst at school. We can then write a ‘Health support plan’ for the child if deemed necessary by the school or if any of the following are relevant:

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• There are any individual first aid requirements, other than a basic first aid response
• The child needs additional supervision for health-related safety
• There is a predictable need for additional support with daily living tasks

‘Health Support Plans’ are formed using the written information from the treating health professional, with discussion between school staff and the parent/guardian.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to:
• request these forms
• ensure all appropriate forms are completed and signed by the doctor
• sign all appropriate forms as parent/carer
• return all forms to the front office staff
• update all medical information on the appropriate forms as necessary.

THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE ANNUALLY IN JANUARY

Asthma

Students with asthma (even if ‘mild’ or ‘occasional’) need an ‘Asthma Care Plan’ completed and signed by the treating doctor and given to front office staff. Staff can remind students to take their preventative asthma medication prior to physical activity if this is part of the Asthma Care Plan. Staff are also trained to administer reliever medication in the event of an asthma attack. Parents will be contacted if this occurs.

The school has reliever medication for use in emergency situations only. The Asthma Foundation has insisted that asthma medication and spacers cannot be shared. Every child must have their own medication and spacer for ease of administration. Children with asthma are encouraged to carry their medication with them where recommended by a doctor. All other students - ie, those who are too young to administer their own medication, must have medication in the front office with their Asthma Plan.

All asthma medication must have the pharmacist label, including the student’s name, stuck on the puffer.

Medication management

Where possible, we encourage students to take medication outside of school hours, eg. Three times per day can be taken in the morning before school, afternoon straight after school and bedtime.

If medication needs to be taken at school students will be supervised in managing this process themselves (where capable) or will be given the medication by front office staff.

• Medication must be provided in the original pharmacist container with directions on the label.
• The child’s name must be on the original label.
• Medication must be stored safely and so needs to be taken to the front office and given to a front office staff member for storage in a secure locked cupboard. This should be handed from adult to adult, not bought in by children. Children with asthma are encouraged to carry their medication with them where recommended by a doctor.
• Students must have a ‘Medication Plan filled out by a doctor and the parent /carer.
• A maximum of a week’s supply is to be provided at any time (except asthma medication).
• It is the parent / carer’s responsibility to provide the required medication. Staff will fill in the medication log and will notify parents if students fail to take their required medication.
• A medication log will be filled out by the front office staff member supervising or giving the medication (or by the classroom teacher)
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

The Murray Bridge North OSHC offers quality care for Primary School children in a comfortable non-threatening home-like environment with dedicated, caring staff.

It provides fun activities, games, time for relaxation or homework, afternoon snacks and friendship.

The service opens for Before School Care, After School Care and full Day Care for Pupil Free Days and School Holidays.

**What is the cost?**
The fee is charged by the session as shown below

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Child Care Benefit (CCB) applies to families registered with Centrelink and is scaled according to income. Centrelink – phone: 136 150

**Meals**

Lunch is provided for full day care and breakfast is available between 6.30 and 7.30am each morning.

**When is OSHC available?**

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(Student Free Days and Vacation Care)

Open every day excluding a two week break between Christmas / New Year, Public Holidays and the one annual School Closure Day.

*After enrolment, children can be booked into the program on a full time, part time, occasional or emergency basis.*

**Sun Smart:** as per school.
What will my child be doing?
Within a loosely structured program, children are able to choose activities such as arts, crafts, cooking, board games and outdoor games, as well as quiet time for rest and regularly supervised homework.

Who can use it?
OSHC can be used by parents who are:

- Working
- Studying or training
- Seeking employment
- Needing respite
- Requiring Casual Care or
- For children with special needs

Where is OSHC?
The program is run from the “Old House” within the grounds of Murray Bridge North School. Delivery and collection of OSHC children can be made by entering the closed roadway off Railway Terrace.

Contacts:
- Phone the Director, Bev Walker or OSHC Staff on 8531 0179 or 0417 825 455
- Call into the Old House before 8:30am or after 3:00pm
- Phone or call into the Front Office of Murray Bridge North School.