

# Vacation Care

Term 1 School Holidays | Monday 15 - Friday 26 April 2024

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Come and join us during Vacation Care where the rich learning opportunities that we offer at St Peter's Girls' ELC will continue to flourish. Our holiday program builds and expands on the learning that has been happening across the term. Our Vacation Care leaders, Valentina Fernandes in Learning Community 1 and Liz Ewers in Learning Community 2, plan closely with our Pedagogical Coordinator and classroom teachers so that they can implement an exciting and engaging program that transitions seamlessly into Vacation Care.

Throughout the holiday period we will extend the understanding of our Central Idea: A new environment can inspire curiosities. The children will explore the brand new learning environments and our revamped outdoor area. Once again we will be able to access our ELC Community Garden. We will re-design the garden beds and create an essential agreement so that the children can identify their role and responsibilities when it comes to looking after this special space in our ELC and nurturing the plants. We aim to inspire children's understanding of the purpose and function of our ELC Community Garden and the importance of sustainability.

## Vacation Care Coordinators



Valentina Fernandes  
Learning Community 1



Liz Ewers  
Learning Community 2

## Exploring our Community Garden and the Language of Food

### From Garden to Plate

With the change of seasons, we will use our senses to explore the transformations that occur around us. Our ELC Community Garden will provide inspiration for learning as children will learn about seasonal vegetables and how to design, organise and set up a functional community garden.

We will explore the importance of food and the way that it brings us together as a community. Cooking activities will provide a wonderful springboard for discussions and opportunities for children to hypothesise, plan, experiment, test, reflect, draw conclusions and share their learning. Our brand new industrial kitchen will inspire new cooking experiences and food investigations.

## Investigating Literacy and STEM

During Vacation Care, we will build on and extend vocabulary through a range of stories and introduce new words in the context of our investigations, play and activities. Oral, written and digital storytelling will be explored in order to continue to support and extend children's literacy skills. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning experiences will be set up across the ELC, promoting the development of critical thinking, problem-solving skills and children's collaboration.

## Exploring the Hundred Languages – Supporting Creativity

In the Atelier and across the Centre, the children will be invited to express themselves using different artistic languages such as clay, graphic language, painting, open-ended materials, photography, music and dance. The children will continue to learn about the role of an architect and the endless possibilities of designing and building. We will continue our music program with the opportunity for children to engage with music of various types and tempo, objects that make sounds and musical instruments.

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## Our Natural Environment

The children will continue to connect with nature, exploring our outdoor veranda facing Ferguson Park. The space will become a laboratory where children can explore nature through their senses.

Children will be invited to be botanists and to research the scientific characteristics and Kurna names of the native plants living in Ferguson Conservation Park. Using binoculars, we will invite them to observe birds and other local fauna and record their wonderings with graphic material.

The new environment will continue to inspire curiosity and endless learning opportunities.

## Wellbeing and Movement

We know the integral role that the natural environment provides for our wellbeing. With a focus on emotional regulation, we will continue to foster children's capacity to identify, name and understand their emotions and feelings.

We will continue our regular gross motor program as well as engage in outside activities. Children will participate in cooperative games that involve them experimenting with speed, directionality and large muscle movements.

## Online Booking Form

Families can book their children into Vacation Care via our online booking form on the School website. Scan the QR code or visit [www.stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au/school-life/elc-vacation-care/](http://www.stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au/school-life/elc-vacation-care/) and click **Book Now**.

Please book by **Thursday 11 April 2024 (Week 11)**. If you would like to make a booking after this date, please email ELC Manager, Wolita Harding at [elcvacationcare@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au](mailto:elcvacationcare@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au). Fill out the form and select required days. Please note: if you require bookings for more than one child, you will need to fill out a form for each child.



## Billing and Charges

Vacation Care runs from 7.30am – 6pm **Rate per child per day: \$150**

No payment is taken during this online booking process. All bookings made will be charged to your ELC account, similar to term time. Where eligible, the Child Care Subsidy is applied to Vacation Care bookings.

As ELC Vacation Care is staffed based on bookings and catering, please book by **Thursday 11 April 2024 (Week 11)**. Due to limited spaces during Vacation Care, please book early. Any bookings and changes made after this date will incur a late booking fee of \$5 added on top of the daily rate per child. Any cancellations must be communicated to us at least 24 hours in advance. Late cancellations will result in the full fee being charged for your booking.

*PLEASE NOTE: absentees or changes must be communicated via [elcvacationcare@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au](mailto:elcvacationcare@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au)*

## What to Bring

Similar to a typical ELC day, children will need to bring their own packed lunch, hat, water bottle and a change of clothes each day. Due to allergies, we ask that you do not pack nuts. A healthy morning and afternoon tea and late snack will continue to be provided to children. Lunch orders from the Tuck Shop are not available during Vacation Care.