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New kindergarten program for 2012

Churches of Christ Care Withcott Early Childhood Centre will be offering a two-day kindergarten program early 2012 as part of the Queensland Government's approved kindergarten program.

Robyn Finch, Withcott Early Childhood Centre Service Manager, said the program will be delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher for 15 hours a week.

"Children who participate in a quality early education program enjoy a flying start to learning and life," she said.

"Children learn through play and at kindergarten each child will participate in play-based learning experiences. These activities are designed to encourage their physical, social, intellectual, language and emotional abilities."

The child's teacher will get to know each child's talents, interests and strengths and will match learning activities to best meet their individual needs. Information about each child's experiences and learning will be shared with their family.

Under the guidance and care of their teacher the children will:

- Use language to communicate ideas, feelings and needs
- Make friends and learn how to cooperate with other children become more independent and confident in their abilities
- Develop self-discipline
- Use their creativity to express ideas and feelings through art, dance and dramatic play
- Identify, explore and solve problems

Robyn said kindergarten will help each child learn early literacy and numeracy concepts as well as develop communication skills that will assist with reading and writing.

"Families will also be encouraged to actively share their own views and insights about their child to help guide their learning," she said.

Children born 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 can attend kindergarten in 2012.

If you would like to know any more about the Withcott Early Childhood Centre kindergarten program or to enrol in this program or our long day care then please contact the centre on 4630 3722.

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Churches of Christ Care, a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland and working with Churches of Christ in Vic/Tas, provides a range of care services to vulnerable persons at different stages of their life journey.

Churches of Christ Care is active in the areas of early childhood services, child protection, community and affordable housing, retirement living, community aged care, and residential aged care. We operate more than 144 services throughout Queensland and Melbourne, Victoria with the support of more than 3,000 staff and over 700 volunteers.

Services provided by Churches of Christ Care are funded by a mix of government subsidies, grants, fees and charges for our services such as early childhood services and residential aged care, and through fundraising activities.

Our services are offered to all those in need regardless of religious background. Churches of Christ Care is built on a foundation of Christian values, commitment to quality care, and trust and respect for clients and the community.

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