

# Vacation Care

Term 3 School Holidays | Monday 30 September - Friday 11 October 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 planning builds and expands on the learning that has been happening across the term. Our Vacation Care leaders, Valentina Fernandes from Learning Community 1 and Catherine Jiang from Learning Community 2, plan closely with our Pedagogical Coordinator and classroom teachers so that they can implement engaging learning experiences that transition seamlessly into Vacation Care.

Throughout the holiday period, we will extend the understanding of our Central Idea: research can support and promote collaboration.

Through our inquiries we encourage children to observe, theorise, investigate, and experiment. Children will work collaboratively to build on and share their understandings of the world around them.

## Vacation Care Coordinators



Valentina Fernandes  
Learning Community 1



Catherine Jiang  
Learning Community 2

## Exploring our Community Garden and the Language of Food

### From Garden to Plate

We will continue to explore herbs and seasonal vegetables. Children will be involved in planting and maintaining the ELC Community Garden, including our new bush tucker garden bed. They will be harvesting produce to use in cooking experiences and help wash, chop, and mix ingredients. Involving children in these activities not only teaches them about gardening and healthy eating, but also fosters a sense of responsibility and curiosity when engaging in their natural environment.

We will continue to 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 and our Kamparriti Atelier of Flavours will inspire new cooking experiences and food investigations.

## Investigating Literacy and STEM

In 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 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. We will continue our music program with the opportunity for children to engage with music of several types and tempo, objects that make sounds and musical instruments.

## Our Natural Environment

The children will continue to connect with nature exploring our outdoor deck 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 Kaurna 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.

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## 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 experiences that experiment 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. Visit our website and click [Book Now](#). Please fill out the form and select your required days. **Please note:** if you require bookings for more than one child, you will need to fill out a form for each child.

Please make your bookings by **Thursday 26 September 2024 (Week 10)**. If you would like to make a booking after this date, or change your existing booking, please email ELC Manager, Wolita Harding, via [elcvacationcare@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au](mailto:elcvacationcare@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au).

## 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 staffing and catering are based on bookings, please book by **Thursday 26 September 2024 (Week 10)**. 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 to Vacation Care

During Vacation Care, children are required to wear their ELC uniform to support consistency and continuity throughout the school year. Our ELC uniform provides a smart and cohesive look, simplifies the routine of getting dressed in the morning, and promotes a sense of belonging. Children will need to bring their own packed lunch, hat, water bottle, and a change of clothes each day. Due to allergies, we kindly ask that you do not pack nuts or nut products in your child's lunch box. A healthy morning and afternoon tea and late snack will continue to be provided to children.