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Jabiru Communities for Kids

The outside school hours care experts

Jabiru has been operating outside school hours care since 1986, when it established a vacation care program in Bracken Ridge. Jabiru now offers excellent care for children from 22 schools in Queensland.

Jabiru has become an industry leader, setting high standards that others seek to follow.

As a community-based not-for-profit organisation, Jabiru is committed to investing in communities.

We imagine each school age care program as a community that welcomes and loves children; where each child feels safe and knows they belong, and a place where children can learn and practice the life-affirming skills of being, creating, working and playing with others .

The Jabiru difference

At Jabiru we have some important differences from other school age care providers:

- long-term, highly qualified staff
- fresh food prepared on site (with help from children if they're interested)
- excellent resources at each site, supplemented by a shared resource library
- fair, all-inclusive fees
- ongoing development of additional programs and activities
- positive relationships with school communities
- local, responsive customer service staff..



Engaging children

Jabiru's Communities for Kids offer more meaningful, exciting ways for children and adults to spend time together in outside school hours care programs.

Each of our school age care programs aims to be a community where children are welcomed, feel safe and.

We work with children to help them learn and practice skills of being with others: creating, working and playing together.

We take fun seriously at Jabiru.

We have developed some great programs that we share with children at our school age care sites at no extra cost – drumming with the Beats Bus, cooking with the Kids Café, sport with Active-Eight, relaxing with Calm-Kids and more.

Jabiru provides great games and resources at each site, as well as access to a shared library of materials from electron microscopes to giant board games.

Choices for children

Each child is different. Some want quiet time after school, some like active games, some are starving, some can't wait to do their homework! We respect each child's rhythms and likes.

We seek children's input to help us design our spaces and our activities so that each Jabiru program is a place where children want to belong.

Feedback from children

"... it is fun and all of the carers are nice ... I like the art and going outside ... And the food is GOOD!" -child attending Jabiru Cleveland

Our commitment to children

1. It will be fun to belong, play and learn in a Jabiru program
2. Children will feel safe and included
3. We will engage with children to design and improve our activities



Supporting families

Jabiru has many years' experience supporting families and care-givers to raise happy, healthy children.

We know families are looking for more than just child care. They want outside school hours care programs where their children are happy to belong. This is what Jabiru aims to create.

At Jabiru, caregivers know they are leaving their children in the safe hands of industry leaders. Our services are affordable, with convenient systems for booking, payments and enrolments.

Our commitment to families

1. Our fees will be fair, with no hidden costs
2. Our services and systems will be easy to use
3. We will welcome your feedback and consult with you

Caregivers are our customers.

Jabiru's Outside School Hours Care programs are designed to be easy for working families to use. We have simple enrolment, booking and payment procedures that make life easy for caregivers while ensuring we meet all the legal requirements.

Our fee structures are affordable, and we support families to understand and access government support if they are eligible.

Partnering with parents

Jabiru acknowledges that the family is the primary place where children gain their sense of identity and their life skills. Our programs aim to back families up, reinforcing the things that are important to caregivers – like sharing, helping, learning and communicating.



Feedback from families

"My son and I think the care at Jabiru is wonderful. Staff are always so friendly and helpful"

"The staff are all amazing, the activities and sporting activities are great – especially karate, volley ball and dance. Improvements seem to pop up each week"

"...the atmosphere created that brings the kids together across age group in a caring and fun way"



Partnering with schools

Jabiru understands that operating an outside school hours care service on a school site requires cooperation and flexibility. At each of our 20 sites, we have established positive working relationships with school staff including principals, BSMs, cleaners, groundspeople and support staff.

We believe our programs add value in every school community, enhancing the school's reputation and building on the school's programs.

Maintaining high standards

Jabiru goes well beyond compliance with all the regulations and requirements relevant to outside school hours care. In many cases we helped develop the standards – such as the PANOSH Physical Activity and Nutrition for Outside School Hours Care standards.

Schools can rest assured that Jabiru will maintain high standards of quality, safety and risk management.

Working closely with schools

At each of our school sites, we have established effective relationships and reporting mechanisms.

We aim to make sure that school administrators know what's happening in their outside school hours care service.

We work with school staff on behaviour management and programming to make sure our programs complement the school's activities.

Our commitment to schools

1. We will maintain absolute compliance with all relevant standards, guidelines and legislation
2. We will work closely with each school to establish cooperative relationships
3. We will communicate and consult early and often



Building communities

A commitment to communities is at the heart of Jabiru's work is.

Jabiru is a community-based not-for-profit organisation that reinvests any surpluses back into its services.

Our work with disadvantaged families and young people shows us that communities are incredibly important. In all our work – including our outside school hours care services – we emphasise community and belonging.

Investing in school communities

Jabiru contributes to the schools in which we work in many ways beyond financial contributions. We share our resources and expertise, and participate in school community events and activities. For example we bring fun activities to school events such as fetes and open days.

We have many success stories of collaborative projects with schools, such as community gardens established at Taigum and Nashville State Schools.

Supporting broader communities

As well as operating outside school hours care services, Jabiru operates a fee-free community college for young people who need a flexible approach to complete their education.

Jabiru also employs a team of youth workers who undertake community development activities on Brisbane's northside.

This work is vital for the wellbeing and prospects of some young people who need extra support to succeed.

Our commitment to communities

1. Communities will be at the heart of our work, always
2. We will respect communities' strengths
3. We will invest in the wellbeing of the communities we work in

