

Little Beacons Outside of School Hours Programme

Little Beacons Learning Centre aims to prepare children for their journey through life by providing age-appropriate learning experiences delivered with absolute excellence. The Little Beacons Learning Centre Outside of School Hours Programme (OSHP) further enhances this philosophy with students engaging in a programme that is based on their needs and interests while supporting their learning through discovery.

The play-based programme encourages students to question, experiment, observe and interact with others while enhancing their own self confidence, developing resilience and fostering freedom of expression. The OSHP allows students to direct the programme, with experiences being freely chosen and controlled by the students, ensuring activities are relevant, meaningful and enjoyable for each individual, whatever their individual learning pattern.

Little Beacons Learning Centre OSHP aims to be a leader in the field, with a service of excellence for the quality care of school age students. The philosophy of the Centre is built around a child focused environment which reflects a relaxed, supportive and safe place for students to grow and develop. Most importantly, the Centre adopts a collaborative, community approach to the care of students, encouraging families to partner with the staff to enrich the lives of their children and to support their learning journey.

Rates for Permanent bookings

Before School Care	\$12
After School Care	\$19
Vacation Care	\$55
Occasional care	Additional 10% added to fees listed above

Enrolment applications are available from our
website www.beaconhills.vic.edu.au

The Outside School Hours Programme at
Little Beacons is an approved child care provider,
attracting the Child Care Benefit (CCB).

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*Helping young minds
grow*



Environment

Learning has no boundaries and the natural environment at the Little Beacons Learning Centre is physically designed to allow students to move freely between indoor and outdoor play, ensuring the successful implementation of the Centre's philosophy.

Before and After School Care programmes are delivered in a purpose-built room allocated for older children. Children involved in this programme have access to an adjoining outdoor play space that allows each child to grow and explore both of these varied environments. This programme provides opportunities for school aged children to develop life skills such as food preparation, personal organisation and socialisation. The focus of the programme is to allow children the time they need after a busy day at school, while ensuring they are stimulated and challenged. Homework areas are provided for those children wanting to accomplish homework tasks.



Sharing the Journey

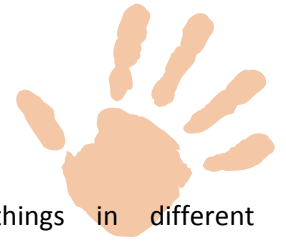
Electronic Portfolios are available to families and incorporate each student's journey in the Outside School Hours Programme. Students have the opportunity to assist in the development of their portfolio during the programme. The Portfolios also support the staff in planning for each child's objectives, based on sound observations combined with sound knowledge of childhood development.

All Little Beacons Learning Centre staff have been selected based on their demonstrated commitment to high

quality programmes in the early years, their forward thinking in philosophy and their undertaking to uphold the Beaconhills values and ethos.

The provision of care is seen as a partnership between the family, the community and Little Beacons. We look forward to sharing this journey with each of you.

Play



Play means different things in different communities. It is important to acknowledge that not all children play in the same way. Play allows children to actively engage in their environment, provide opportunities to practise and refine skills and to understand and master their own behaviour. It can involve pretending, role playing, experimenting, interacting or participating in everyday tasks that would occur at home. Research has shown that children bring their own expectations and experiences to play.

Little Beacons Learning Centre hours are 6.30am – 6.30pm. The centre operates for 50 weeks of the year and is closed on public holidays and over the Christmas/New Year period. Dates of closure will be advised at the commencement of each year.



Centre Opening Hours

6.30am – 6.30pm