

Register for Camp Australia After School Care Service.... You will be amazed by how professional it is!

As a Mum of two girls, Evie and Annabelle, at Investigator College, Victor Harbor, I was interested to hear that Camp Australia had partnered with the school to provide an after school care service. I hadn't heard of Camp Australia, but after talking to my 10-year-old niece, Alice, I was convinced it was a service I would use for my own children. Alice attended Camp Australia after school care for four years in Brisbane and raved about how much fun she'd had and how nice the carers were.

It came time to register for the service. After some initial frustration, I discovered that the registration process would not work on an iPad, however, I was able to successfully register on a PC with ease. I was given an Account Number and password to log in to Camp Australia. This allowed me to view my account, and make bookings and payments (by credit card or direct debit) at any time of the day or night, (which is handy for us busy parents) and this can be done on a PC, iPad or smart phone. The ease with which the booking system can be used and navigated impressed me immensely. Bookings are clearly shown on a calendar, and you can make or change regular bookings, or make casual bookings quickly and easily. Once registered with Camp Australia you are able to use their services at other centres locally or around Australia, this can be booked online using the same account details. A list of centres and services can be found on their website www.campaustralia.com.au.

I am relieved to know that the Camp Australia service is up and running and that I can use it regularly on the days I work. I also keenly advocate the importance of having a day out shopping and lunching with friends that isn't cut short by the 3:30pm School pick up time! Knowing I can extend 'MY' day to 6pm is, at times, a well-deserved treat. I am also not immune to life not going to plan, so I am comforted to know that last minute bookings can be made, so my girls can be looked after at short notice, when required.

My husband and I have already started using the after school care service this term. Our girls are excited to attend and really enjoy their afternoons with Camp Australia under the supervision of friendly and efficient carers.

Camp Australia services are eligible for the Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate. These federal programs reduce the cost of care by 50% or more and are available to most parents. You can call Camp Australia direct on 1300 105 343, or the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50 to find out more.

I strongly encourage you to register for the Camp Australia service. Once you have registered, you can use the service anytime you need, giving you the flexibility to engage with the service at short notice.

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