

ELC HOLIDAY PROGRAM INFORMATION

October 2026



Authorisation

The Holiday Program provides children with a fun and safe educational experience. It is created with the intention to engage children in social, emotional and physical development. It is anticipated that the Holiday Program will experience an attendance up to 40 children a day.

Bookings, Fees & Cancellations

Please make your bookings for the Holiday Education Program via Xplor. If you are unable to make a booking in Xplor, please contact elcaccounts@stjohns.sa.edu.au. Bookings are required by COB **Wednesday 9 September** 2026. If bookings are received after this date a late fee of \$10 will be applied per session booked. Places are limited – please book early to avoid disappointment.

In line with Term Time we will offer 2 sessions during the School Holidays. The daily charge for the ELC Holiday Program is \$140 and this session covers from 7.30am – 4pm. The After Care session fee is \$20 and covers from 4pm – 6pm. Cancellations to bookings must be made 5 full business days prior to the booked session via email. Cancellations made outside of this period will incur the usual session fee. Please advise of any cancellations or changes to bookings via email elcaccounts@stjohns.sa.edu.au.

Consent

In addition to completing the booking, a consent for participating in the ELC Holiday Program incursions will be emailed to all families via the School's excursion management platform, Consent2Go. This platform assists the School in identifying all applicable risks associated with the Holiday Program activities to ensure students are kept safe.

Ratios

Staff to student ratios are as follows: in-house 1:11 and excursions 1:6.

Hours

The Centre is open between 7.30am and 6pm. It is the responsibility of the parents to sign children 'IN' and 'OUT' daily on the Centre's iPad.

Food

Please pack snack and lunch each day. Don't forget to provide a water bottle every day. Clearly label all containers and bags with your child/ren's names. Please note that we are an Allergy Aware Service

Other

Please dress your child in casual clothing appropriate to the activity on the day. Hats are required as the UV index reaches above 3.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Tash Shaw, Adam Lemmey or Bettina Abram. For bookings please contact Susie Goodwin at elcaccounts@stjohns.sa.edu.au.

Learning to Soar

Week 1 – Creativity & Imagination Week

Day	Activity
Monday 28 September	Messy Art Day Taking art outside and feeling inspired by nature. Using large canvases, we'll create art to decorate the ELC. Natural materials like leaves and branches become our paintbrushes. With large paper rolls on the ground, we'll paint with our hands and feet!
Tuesday 29 September	Dress-Ups & Disco We'll create our own dress-ups with assorted materials: paper pirate hats, colourful masks and anything we can imagine! Children can create music, making drums and percussion instruments and exploring beat and sound! We'll have face paints and a colourful dance party with disco lights, ribbons, bubbles, dress-ups and our favourite beats.
Wednesday 30 September	Restaurant Day Our deck becomes a vibrant, colourful restaurant decorated with flowers and paintings created for the walls, and we'll design our own tablecloths. Using dress-ups, children can be a chef, waiter or customer and bring our restaurant to life. We'll make pizza dough and our restaurant will serve pizza for afternoon tea!
Thursday 1 October	Book Reading 'It's A String Thing' & Creative Workshop What can you make with a piece of string and some loose parts? Natascha Shaw (Miss Tash) will read us her new book <i>It's A String Thing</i> , written in collaboration with Patch Theatre. In the workshop, children will take loose parts to a whole new level, creating, experimenting and exploring, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary!
Friday 2 October	Pyjama Day Come dressed in your cosiest pyjamas for a fun-filled day – let's unwind at the end of the week! We'll make our own snacks like healthy muffins and popcorn, and enjoy a short movie based on some favourite books: <i>The Gruffalo</i> and <i>The Snail and the Whale</i> .

Week 2 – Nature & Outdoors Week

Day	Activity
Monday 5 October	Labour Day Public Holiday – Centre Closed.
Tuesday 6 October	PE Day Let's get ready for an active day outside: kick, run, slide and skip. We will be setting up the outside tennis courts area as a challenging obstacle course and building interest and skills in soccer, tennis, basketball and cricket. Please wear comfortable clothes.
Wednesday 7 October	Teddy Bears Picnic Bring your favourite teddy bear or soft toy for a special picnic. Children will create a healthy snack and enjoy a picnic outdoors, teddy bear games, songs, stories and lots of playful activities.
Thursday 8 October	Mud Play Day All things muddy and messy! Spend time in nature, exploring, digging, mixing, pouring and creating with water and mud – from exploding volcanoes to sticks, cut flowers and the mud kitchen. We will sculpt using clay and natural materials and see what our natural surroundings inspire us to create. Please wear old clothes and shoes, and perhaps bring a spare set of clothes.
Friday 9 October	Australian Animals Visit – Incursion, Nature Education Centre Experts from Urbrae's Nature Education Centre teach us about different Australian animals – meet lizards, snakes and maybe even a bettong! We'll learn about respect and care for animals, where they live in the wild, and the things we can do to protect them.
Monday 12 October	Detective Scavenger Hunt Put on your detective hat and get ready to solve some mysteries! Create your own magnifying glasses and treasure maps, as we take on the role of detectives, searching for clues and discovering lost treasures hidden in the garden.

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- EYLF Outcome 1 – Children have a strong sense of identity
- EYLF Outcome 2 – Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- EYLF Outcome 3 – Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- EYLF Outcome 4 – Children are confident and involved learners
- EYLF Outcome 5 – Children are effective communicators