

# **FAQ**

# Welcome to our Frequently Asked Questions about Ludo

#### What is Ludo?

Ludo is a play based early learning and care program for children aged between 3-5 years based in selected Catholic Schools in Tasmania. It provides education and care on children's non-Kinder days, after Kinder care, before Kinder care and during school holidays.

Ludo will provide the ability for smooth transitions into Kindergarten, with relationships being built with both teaching staff and Ludo educators.

Ludo programs are based in purpose built indoor and outdoor play spaces, with the designs being carefully considered to meet the needs of our most important stakeholders...children.

### When are you open?

Ludo sites will be operational for 50 weeks of the year, closed between the periods of Easter and between Christmas and the new year and for Gazetted public holidays in the respective parts of the state.

#### Who is the provider for Ludo?

CatholicCare is the approved provider for all of our Ludo sites.

### What are the fees?

 Before Kinder
 7.00am - 9.00am, \$20

 Short day
 8.30am - 3.00pm, \$85

 After Kinder
 3.00pm - 6.00pm, \$30

 Full day
 7.00am - 6.00pm, \$110

(During school holidays, Full Day is the only option at \$110.)

We will review the fee structure annually to ensure that the services are both accessible and sustainable.

# Am I able to apply for Child Care Benefit?

Yes. Simply go to your My Gov account to register.

#### Which Catholic Education schools will Ludo be in partnership with?

From February 2021, Ludo will be operational in the North of the state at <u>St</u> <u>Finn Barr's</u> offering 4 days a week (excluding Wednesday's). From Term 3 this will offer approved places 5 days a week.

In the South of the state from February 2020, <u>Holy Rosary</u> will have approved spaces, 5 days a week.

John Paul II will have approved places, 5 days a week.

Later in 2021 St Paul's will be operational.

Commencing in term 1 in 2022, <u>St Cuthbert's</u> will join the Ludo family, offering approved places 5 days a week.

# Are Ludo sites rated against the National Quality Standards?

All Ludo sites will undertake the assessment and rating process. Within 3 months of opening, Ludo sites will submit their Quality Improvement Plans to regulating body, <u>ACECQA</u>. We look forward to showcasing our pedagogy and practice and welcome feedback form stakeholders for continual improvement.

# If my child is in Kinder, can they access Catholic Care's Outside School Hours Care programs?

They won't attend Outside School Hours Care with school aged children, however they will access these programs within our Ludo spaces.

Kinder age children would use the purpose-built spaces designed for them and their peers, and utilise the Before School Care and After Kinder Care component of Ludo.

The benefits of staying within the Ludo program are:

- Children will have less transitions from one spot to another
- Consistency for children with their educators, friends and play spaces
- Children will develop and create friends who share the same interest
- Children's relationships will strengthen with the Kinder teacher for the Kinder year, Ludo educators and vice versa.
- The ratio of care will be beneficial for a 4/5 year old child, with a 1:10 ratio rather than the 1:13 in ASC

## Are Ludo programs lunch box services?

Yes we are. We encourage families to provide a selection of healthy snacks and lunch options. We have fridges for children to store their lunch boxes in, ensuring food is at it's optimum for meal times.