

A Bit About The YMCA

A child's first years of life set the foundation stone for their lifetime. It is a time to shape their development so that a child can become a positive, healthy young person who can grasp every opportunity presented. The YMCA understands how important it is for each child to be given these essential building blocks in life so they can reach their full potential.

The YMCA is a recognised provider of quality Child Care services. And we have almost 3 million participations in our children's services including kindergartens, early learning centres, outside school hours care and vacation care.

Our Commitment to Children & Young People

- We commit to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people who access any of our programs, services and facilities.
- We commit to listening to children and young people and empowering them by taking their view seriously and addressing any concerns they raise with us.
- We commit to take action to ensure that children and young people are protected from exploitation, abuse or harm.
- We commit to support families and communities to promote children's healthy development and wellbeing.

A Bit About YMCA Cheeky Monkeys

We offer a range of fun activities and programs open to caregivers, babies and children in a warm and sociable environment.

All our sessions are informal, relaxed and a great way to make friends. We always love seeing new people come along so please join us!

Playgroup is a great place for all children from 0-5 years to enjoy new experiences, develop language, use their imagination, explore and learn new skills. It is also an excellent way for children to learn how to interact with each other, preparing them to transition successfully into Kindy, Prep and primary school.

Playgroup operates across three days Tuesday-Thursday from 9-11am during school terms. Each day is led by a YMCA Staff Member who is the main point of contact.

Our playgroup is suited for 1-5 year olds with younger siblings welcome or we offer a mums + bubs playgroup for 0-1 year olds on Monday mornings 9.30am-11am (please speak to YMCA staff for more information).

Our Facilities

YMCA Cheeky Monkeys has a wide variety of toys and activities to suit varying ages and interests.

There is an undercover outdoor softfall play area with a sandpit and a garden for the children to play in.

Toilet and nappy change facilities are available onsite.

Parking and stroller access onsite

Daily Routine

The routine of a group may vary slightly from day to day, but a typical morning at YMCA Cheeky Monkeys might run as follows:

- 1 hour free play outdoor play activities including sandpit, bikes, gym equipment and inside toys and puzzles.
- Sit down for your morning tea Tea and coffee for adults.
- Art and craft activity
- Story and songs
- Pack up



What You Need to Bring

- We ask that each family bring a healthy lunchbox for morning tea
- A spare change of clothes (as we will do messy play and water play weather permitting).
- Water bottle
- Hat

Cost

YMCA Cheeky Monkeys charges a fee of \$50 per term per family. This covers the cost of a dedicated staff member for the group, art and craft supplies, tea and coffee and replacement and refresh of toys.

Payment is to be paid directly to the YMCA Community Centre reception either by EFTPOS or cash.

Join or Come for a Free Trial

If you are interested in joining YMCA Cheeky Monkeys you can register for a free trial via email at program.officerSL@ymcaqueensland.org.au

After your free trial, you will need to let the YMCA staff member know if you would like to secure a place.

Days are capped at 20 families per day to ensure the playgroup area does not get too crowded.

Join us on Facebook for all YMCA Cheeky Monkeys updates

* YMCA Cheeky Monkeys playgroup Facebook group

* YMCA Springfield Lakes Community Centre Facebook page





Reasons to Join a Playgroup

At Playgroup we:

- Value play and have fun
- Respect and value difference
- Participate and share
- Feel safe and secure
- Encourage not discourage

Playgroup helps children:

- Participate in new experiences
- Develop and increase their social skills
- Learn about sharing, cooperation and simple routines
- Interact with other adults and children in a safe environment
- Learn more about their world
- Have fun

Playgroup helps adults:

- Meet other local families and develop new friendships
- Relax and talk in a friendly environment
- Share experiences and ideas
- Play with children and nurture their development
- Make connections in the local community
- Have fun

YMCA CHEEKY MONKEYS PLAYGROUP

TUESDAY-THURSDAY 9AM-11AM



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