



## IS YOUR CHILD COMMENCING SCHOOL IN 2018?

Dear parents,

If your child is commencing school in 2018, you may like to know that Upper Hunter Shire Council also runs the Scone out of School Hours service (SOOSH), which provides before and after school care, and vacation care programs.

These operate from our dedicated premises in the grounds of St Mary's School in Waverley Street, Scone.

For these upcoming school holidays, your child is considered 'school age' and is able to participate in our SOOSH programs (including vacation care) from 1 January 2018, in the year they are enrolled to commence school (so if commencing in 2018, will be 'school age' from 1 January 2018).

During term time, buses for Scone Public School and Scone Grammar School transport children between their school and SOOSH for before and after school care. SOOSH staff collect St Mary's School children from the quadrangle after class.

Any government child care benefit and/or child care rebate subsidies you are entitled to, continue to apply with SOOSH.

Please feel welcome to consider SOOSH as a supplement or alternative to your ELC care arrangement through January, and in to your child's school commencement.

Council's 'What's On' publication is on Council's website, under 'Hot Topics' - there are loads of great activities and excursions planned for the upcoming holidays!

Numbers are restricted for SOOSH, so if you have any questions, would like to know more, or to obtain a fee estimate, please contact our SOOSH Coordinator, Maddy Richardson on 02 6540 1140 or our children's services office on 02 6540 1151. Alternately, email SOOSH at [soosh@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:soosh@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au).

Kind regards,

Children's Services Team

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