

Working parents concerned about after-school care

Are you concerned about what you are going to do with your children when they reach school age?

- *THE "MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNATTENDED CHILDREN GENERALLY RANGE FROM 12 TO 13 YEARS OF AGE".*
- *THE NATIONAL SAFE KIDS CAMPAIGN RECOMMENDS THAT CHILDREN ARE NOT LEFT ALONE BEFORE THE AGE OF 12.*
- *"A DEPENDENT CHILD IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CHILD AGED UNDER 15 YEARS"*
- *"WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAD THE FASTEST POPULATION GROWTH (2.3%) OF ANY OF THE STATES AND TERRITORIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA IN 2006-07".*
- *"PERTH SD HAS THE FASTEST POPULATION GROWTH AT AROUND OF 9.1% IN 2006-07"*

When your child reaches school age, you may find it difficult to juggle school runs and holidays with your work commitments. Out of school care can be the solution to this dilemma.

In other countries like New Zealand, USA, UK and even the eastern states, you can choose from a variety of options ranging from child care centres that offer after school care for up to 12 year olds, [breakfast clubs](#), [after school clubs](#) and [holiday play schemes](#), and even weekend clubs. These are usually based in or near schools, community centres, halls, neighbourhood houses or recreation centres they are geared towards the needs of children with working parents.

Here in Cannington there are a very limited number of choices available to working parents and these options are generally few and far between. If you can find one then the chance of finding a place is minimal.

The time to act is now. The population is growing, the economy has blown out and everything is more expensive, sending both mums and dads out to work. However, how can they if their kids have no where to go when they are working?

We need more of these schemes in Perth and close to home here in Cannington. Please sign this petition so we can let the politicians know that it is time to change.

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