



## **GBOOSH – Additional Placements Announcement**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few years we've seen increased demand for after school care at GyMEA Bay Out Of School Hours (GBOOSH) services from families at GyMEA Bay Public School as well as the local community. This increased demand has resulted in extensive waiting lists for families seeking care for their children.

In October 2017 we requested that the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) approve our request to increase the number of places available at GBOOSH. A request was then made to the NSW Department of Education for their approval and during this process the Asset Management Unit of the Department of Education took the opportunity to also look into reviewing our operating licence agreement.

After multiple rounds of correspondence, the Asset Management Unit advised us that the GBOOSH licence would be renewed however under the terms of the new agreement and that the fees would significantly increase.

As GBOOSH is a not-for-profit centre, unfortunately these fee increases will need to be passed onto all families utilising GBOOSH services. We are in the process of finalising the financial implications of this fee and terms of the agreement and will communicate with all families over the coming weeks.

For families seeking new placements at GBOOSH we understand it can be a distressing period and we'd like to thank you for your patience. We are hopeful to release additional places soon but we are still unlikely to be able to accommodate all families. In addition, staff and resources will need to be reviewed prior to releasing these places.

GBOOSH staff are unable to assist you until the above matters are resolved and we will communicate with you further via the school newsletter and email.

Regards

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**GBOOSH President**