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## Childcare at Convention 2018

### *What parents need to know*

#### **Dear parent,**

Thank you for committing to spend your time and give your attention to the business of the NSNDP at the 2018 Convention. Life is busy and you have a lot of responsibilities, not the least of which is your young children. It is our pleasure to provide safe, secure and **free** childcare during Convention 2018, in hopes that you are enabled to focus on the important work of our party. Please review this information, so you and your child know what to expect.

#### **Childcare Location**

Childcare will be located in the **Cabot Room**, on the same floor as the Convention meetings. You are welcome to check in on your child at any time.

#### **Childcare Times**

For security purposes, please be prepared to sign your child in and out with a childcare provider when dropping them off and picking them up.

Friday	3:30pm—6:00pm 6:00pm—6:30pm— <i>Supper Break*</i> 6:30pm—8:30pm
Saturday	8:15am—12:00pm 12:00pm—1:15pm— <i>Lunch Break*</i> 1:15pm—6:00pm
Sunday	9:15am—12:15pm

***\*Please note: All meals are the responsibility of parents and guardians. While times are set aside for meals in the childcare schedule, they don't always match timing in the convention agenda.***

#### **Childcare Providers**

There will be a minimum of two adults with childcare experience on hand with the children at all times. These individuals have provided proof of vulnerable sector criminal record checks and at least one will have Standard First Aid training.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Emily Masse on her cell at 613 501 663 or email at [Emily.a.masse@gmail.com](mailto:Emily.a.masse@gmail.com).



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### **Parental Support During Convention**

Please note:

- Consistent disruptive behaviour can result in removal. Expectations will be shared with children. Parents may be contacted to help at the discretion of the childcare team.
- Children showing consistent signs of distress (illness or anxiety) will have their parents contacted. If things are rectified the child will be welcomed back.

### **Activities**

The childcare team has been developing an agenda of fun and interactive activities, with the goal of providing all children with the opportunity to try something new in a safe and supportive environment. Some activities plans include:

- Crafts and creative arts
- Team building games
- STEM activities
- D.E.A.R. Time (Drop Everything And Read)
- Children's Choice free time
- Movie

Some small, healthy snacks will be provided between meals (granola bars, apples, bananas, popcorn, etc). If your child has any dietary restrictions please advise in advance, either on the registration form or by contacting Emily at [Emily.a.masse@gmail.com](mailto:Emily.a.masse@gmail.com).

The team is considering an opportunity to get outside on Saturday (weather dependent), walking together to a playground on the Sydney boardwalk about 500 meters from the convention centre. If this is of concern to you, please contact Emily—other program ideas can easily replace this one.

The childcare team plans to offer 1-2 movies during childcare hours. The team is striving to identify 3-4 options for children to pick from as a group, including recent animated family films such as Ferdinand, Coco, Smurfs and movies from the Lego series. If you have any concerns about possible film content, please advise in advance.

### **Packing Tips**

The childcare team suggests all children bring:

- A reusable water bottle, labelled with their names.
- 2-3 books for them to read during DEAR time.
- A favourite game or toy—clearly labeled with their name—that they would like to share with others!

We will not go swimming during childcare hours, however the Holiday Inn Convention Centre features a pool with waterslide. If you are staying at the hotel and time allows, you should be sure to pack some suits!