

# Camp Curiosity<sup>®</sup>



# Parent Handbook

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## **1 - Introduction**

Welcome to Camp Curiosity, a unique and innovative space dedicated to nurturing the intellectual and creative spirits of gifted, twice-exceptional (2E), and inherently curious participant. With our tailored programs and personalised instruction, we strive to meet the specific needs of these extraordinary participants.

## **2 - Program Goal**

At Camp Curiosity, we are committed to fostering a supportive environment that encourages exploration, learning, and personal growth. Our programs offer challenging and enriching learning opportunities that aim to develop critical thinking skills, creativity, and innovation. We strive to inspire our students to become lifelong participants who are adaptable, resilient, and creative, and who approach the world with a sense of curiosity and wonder.

## **3 - Developing Creativity, Curiosity, and Community**

We prioritize the development of a sense of community among our participants. Through programs like Camp Curiosity, we aim to create a space where participant can explore big ideas and questions, fostering creativity, curiosity, and a sense of belonging.

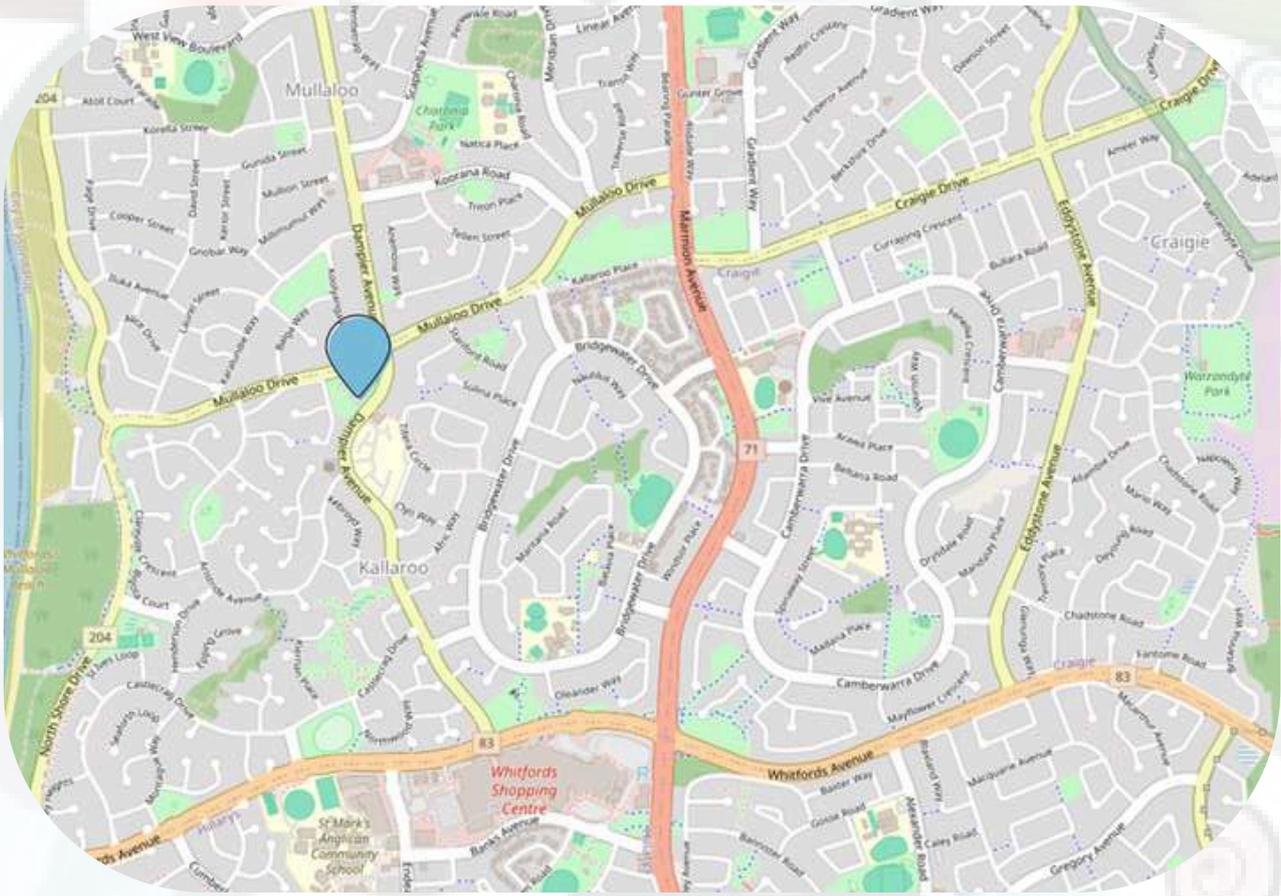
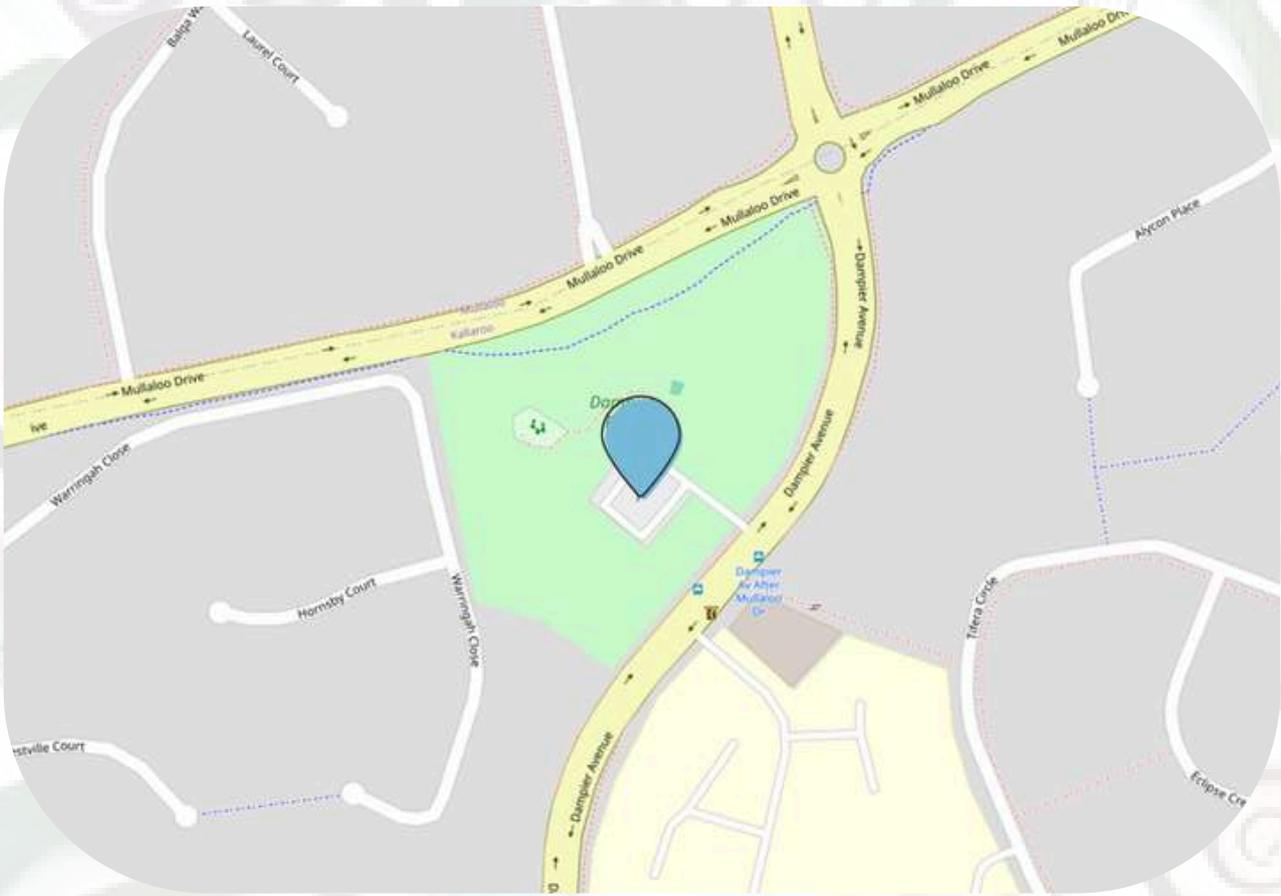
## **4 - Important Contact Information**

Phone: 0437393620

Email: [info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au](mailto:info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au)

## **5 - Program Location and How to Find Us**

Kallaroo Community Threes  
23 Batavia Place  
Kallaroo WA 6025



## 6 - Daily Schedule

At Cultivating Curiosity, our aim is to strike a balance between consistency and variety in our daily schedule.

While the core categories of activities remain the same each day, the specific sessions vary according to the camp theme, group interests, and daily logistics.

These will be made available to parents as soon as they are finalised.

Parents and siblings are welcome to join us for the Free Play sessions at the beginning and end of each day. These informal times provide opportunities for connection, transition, and community building.

Please note that although our schedule of activities and events has been carefully planned, it may be adjusted due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. A suitable alternative will always be provided to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

<b>8.30 - 9.30</b>	<b>Free play</b>
<b>9.30 - 10.30</b>	<b>Philoso-brick<sup>®</sup></b>
<b>10.30 - 11.00</b>	<b>Snack break</b>
<b>11.00 - 12.00</b>	<b>Creativity</b>
<b>12.00 - 12.30</b>	<b>Snack break</b>
<b>12.30 - 1.30</b>	<b>Curiosity</b>
<b>1.30 - 2.00</b>	<b>Snack break</b>
<b>2.00 - 3.00</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>3.00 - 3.30</b>	<b>Snack break</b>
<b>3.30 - 4.30</b>	<b>BreakOut</b>
<b>4.30 - 5.30</b>	<b>Free play</b>

## 7 - Activity details

Free Play serves as a relaxed and informal time where participants have the opportunity to engage with each other and their environment freely. This time encourages social interaction, self-directed play, and exploration, providing a comfortable space for everyone to settle in at the start of the day and wind down towards the end.

Philoso-Brick® is an innovative and multisensory program designed to stimulate philosophical thinking and discussions using LEGO®. Philoso-Brick® combines the LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® methodology with philosophical inquiry, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and executive functioning skills.

Community sessions focus on building teamwork and collaborative skills through various challenges. Participants work together, drawing upon each other's strengths and learning to communicate effectively to solve problems and complete tasks. This fosters a sense of belonging and contributes to a strong, supportive community atmosphere.

In Creativity sessions, participants engage in hands-on activities that stimulate their imaginative and artistic abilities. The Creativity sessions encourages experimentation and design thinking allowing participants to express themselves creatively while learning about active mindfulness activities.

Curiosity sessions are dedicated to sparking participants' inquisitive nature and encouraging exploration. Each of the Curiosity sessions will begin with a big question that participants will explore, embarking on a journey of discovery and investigation.

BreakoutEDU® brings an immersive gaming experience where participants solve a series of puzzles and challenges to open a locked box. This activity requires critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity, as participants work together under a time limit, applying problem-solving skills in a fun and engaging manner.

## 8 - Packing list

Hat  
Suncream (participants will be required to provide their own suncream)  
Comfortable shoes  
Comfortable clothes that can get messy  
Lunch and snacks for the whole day – we ask that these are nut free  
Water bottle  
Curiosity  
Big questions

## 9 - Medications

If your child requires medication during camp, please email their usual routine and any specific details to [info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au](mailto:info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au) prior to camp. We will follow the same system and routine your child is familiar with at home or school to ensure consistency and comfort. Please see the Camp Coordinator at sign-in on the first day to confirm medication details and hand over any required medication. All medication must be clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage instructions.

## 10 - Allergies

Please inform us of any allergies or dietary restrictions prior to camp. Email us at [info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au](mailto:info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au)

## 11 - Sun safety

Participants are expected to come to the camp with suncream already applied. Participants need to bring a labelled bottle of suncream for reapplication during the day. Due to the sensitive nature of children's skin, sensory concerns and the risk of skin allergies, sun cream will not be provided during the camp. Participants are expected to wear a sunhat when outside. We abide by 'no hat no play'.

## 12 - Illness and Injury

We follow the guidelines as outlined in Control of communicable diseases manual For teachers, childcare workers, local government authorities and health practitioners.

Available at <https://www.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general-documents/communicable-diseases/PDF/2101-communicable-disease-guidelines.pdf>

Participants who become ill at the service will be provided a quiet area to rest comfortably while their parents/guardians are contacted.

Cultivating Curiosity actively strives to avoid injuries occurring at the service and to minimise the impact of injuries and illnesses by responding appropriately and as quickly as possible.

A staff member will promptly telephone a parent/guardian if a participant has been involved in an accident or becomes ill. Qualified staff members will administer basic first aid.

If contact cannot be made and it is necessary to seek medical attention immediately, an ambulance will be called, and the participant will be taken to hospital.

## 13 - Personal items

We understand that participants enjoy bringing personal items from home to use at Camp.

Camp staff must be made aware that a participant have these items and they should be clearly named with permanent identification.

Electronic devices and/or mobile phones are not permitted.

Whilst every care is exercised, the service assumes no responsibility for damage or loss to any item belonging to any person.

## 14 - Lost and Found

Any lost items will be placed at the afternoon collection point. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that all possessions are collected at the end of each day.

## 15 - Registration

All registrations for programs and services offered by Cultivating Curiosity are to be completed through the Humantix platform, ensuring all required fields in the registration form are accurately filled out for a seamless enrolment process. Upon successful registration, parent/guardians will receive a confirmation email with key information such as the Parent Handbook.

## 16 - Cancellation and Refund Policy

Requests for cancellations or changes must be made in writing at least two weeks before the start of Camp Curiosity. Email requests to:  
[info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au](mailto:info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au).

Cancellations or changes made less than two weeks before the start of Camp Curiosity may not be eligible for a refund, except under exceptional circumstances, reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Cultivating Curiosity retains the right to cancel or reschedule programs or services due to unforeseen circumstances, with participants notified promptly and given the option to reschedule or receive a full refund.

## 17 - Arrival and Departure Procedures

Sign in and out register to be completed by the parent/guardian named as the purchaser on Humantix, or one of the two emergency contacts noted during checkout.

Collection by an unnamed person requires prior written notification to [info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au](mailto:info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au) and ID verification by camp staff.

Please communicate any custodial rights prior to camp, providing current copies of relevant court orders.

Parents/guardians who are more than 5 minutes late at the end of the day will be subject to \$50 late fee. This is to be paid prior to the start of the next session.

## 18 - Emergency Procedures and Evacuation Plans

We follow the emergency and evacuation procedures specific to each venue.

## 19 - Diversity and Inclusion

At Cultivating Curiosity, we believe that “Diversity is an adjective. Inclusion is a verb. Belonging is the goal”. We understand that diversity encompasses the full spectrum of human differences, including variations in race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, disability, and socio-economic background. Inclusion refers to creating a cultural and environmental feeling of belonging, where individuals are welcomed, respected, valued, and involved as their authentic selves in all aspects of our operations and interactions.

## 20 - Behaviour Support

Cultivating Curiosity is dedicated to fostering a safe and nurturing environment, recognising, and catering to the diverse needs of all participants. By building positive, trusting relationships between staff and participants, we aim to create a supportive atmosphere where every participant feels valued, understood, and safe.

Staff will prioritize the use of positive reinforcement, aiming to build on the participant’s strengths, providing specific, genuine, and timely positive feedback. Investing time in getting to know each participant, understanding their unique needs, and establishing a rapport is central to our approach.

Participants will be encouraged to express their feelings and communicate their needs within a secure and supportive environment.

Cultivating Curiosity actively encourages open communication between staff and families as this is essential for sharing insights, strategies, and supporting participants to get the most from Camp Curiosity.

Creating a psychologically safe and open-minded space where participants can explore big ideas and questions is a fundamental aspect of Camp Curiosity.

Participants are expected to be respectful and courteous to others to maintain this environment during workshops.

Cultivating Curiosity reserves the right to cancel the enrolment of any disruptive participant at the sole discretion of the organization to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all workshop participants, and the decision is final and not subject to appeal, discussion, refund or compensation.

Staff will approach behavioural issues with dignity and respect.

## 21 - Child Safety

Cultivating Curiosity takes child protection seriously and will respond appropriately to any concerns or allegations of child abuse or neglect.

Please raise any concerns via email: [info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au](mailto:info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au)

In Western Australia, all Cultivating Curiosity staff members are required to hold a valid WWCC.

Parents/guardians can request to see proof of WWCC at any time.

Cultivating Curiosity staff who are mandatory reporters must comply with relevant child protection legislation.

## 22 - Confidentiality and Privacy Policy

We follow the requirements of the Privacy Act 1988.

We collect and store necessary personal information for service provision.

Types of information include identity, contact details, interactions on our platform, occupation, and preferences.

Health information may be collected as defined under the Privacy Act 1998.

Collected only with your consent and for specific operational needs, unless required by law.

Personal information is used to deliver and improve services, process donations, communicate with clients and stakeholders, conduct events, and manage general business operations.

Personal information is not shared with third parties without consent, except as required by law or for safety reasons.

Measures are in place to safeguard personal information from misuse, loss, and unauthorized access or disclosure.

This includes secure storage and restricted access to personal information.

We ensure that all personal information is accurate, current, complete, and relevant.

Individuals can contact us to update their personal information, and corrections will be made promptly.

## 23 - Complaints and Grievances Procedure

There may be times where Cultivating Curiosity does not meet your expectations. In these circumstances we encourage you to let us know. We are committed to learning from your experiences as it will help us to continually improve the service we deliver.

Complaints can be lodged through the following channels: verbally, with a staff member at the service; over the phone on 0437393620; or by email at [info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au](mailto:info@cultivatingcuriosity.com.au).

All complaints will be treated confidentially, taken seriously and handled promptly. We will provide a formal response within 5 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response, you can request a review by a senior staff member, and if still dissatisfied, you can take the matter up with an external agency such as the Department of Communities.

## 24 - Liability and Release

Cultivating Curiosity is not liable for any injury or loss incurred during the participation in Camp Curiosity.

By enrolling in our programs, you agree to indemnify and hold Cultivating Curiosity, its staff, and representatives harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, and expenses arising out of your or your participant's participation in Camp Curiosity.

You waive the right to bring any legal action against Cultivating Curiosity, its staff, and representatives for any injury or damage incurred during participation in Camp Curiosity.

I understand and acknowledge that Cultivating Curiosity may take photographs or video recordings (without sound) of participants during Camp Curiosity sessions. I hereby grant my consent for the use of these photographs and video recordings for educational and promotional purposes.

## 25 - Intellectual Property

All materials, content, and resources provided and used during Camp Curiosity sessions are the intellectual property of Cultivating Curiosity.

Unauthorized reproduction, distribution, or use of these materials is strictly prohibited.

Any trademarks, logos, and service marks displayed during the workshops are the property of their respective owners.