



"Partner With Paradise Kids" and Help Support Our Local Children

Paradise Kids is a locally based and founded organisation established in 1996 on the Gold Coast. Founders Rev Dr Ian Mavor (Executive Director) and Deirdre Hanna (President) wanted to create a place where children could come to 'help heal their heartache' when faced with a traumatic situation in their little lives.

All children grieve differently. They may express anger, fear, guilt, repetitive behaviour and sorrow. Paradise Kids knows behavioural problems can result in underperformance at school and disruptions in relationships. The emphasis is on 'heart work' which means Paradise Kids takes a holistic approach to address all aspects of the child – body, mind and spirit. Paradise Kids believes that this offers valuable life skills for now and for the future and allows our children to move forward in life and face the future with hope. Paradise Kids helps by supporting the grief and healing process of both children and parents, and by teaching parents how to support their children who are grieving.

Paradise Kids provides Grief and Loss Counselling Programs for children experiencing divorce, separation, illness, a terminal illness or a death in the family. The counselling programs cater for children aged 2-5, 3-5 and 6-11. Counselling is delivered in group sessions or one-on-one. There is also a group counselling session specifically aimed at boys aged 8 to 11.

Illness Support Holiday Program

The Paradise Kids Illness Support Holiday Program was established in April 2009 to offer children who are faced with a terminal or life-limiting illness (from rural and remote areas of Australia) an opportunity to participate in a one week program whereby they receive counselling and support to understand their feelings about their illness and the limits placed on their life. The program includes a mixture of art, story telling, guided visualisations, meditation and stress reduction. The program also offers the children time to enjoy a holiday with their siblings and parents on the Gold Coast.

The Illness Support Holiday House has two 3 bedroom units (one with wheelchair access) with a large communal family and kitchen area with a lovely beach theme throughout which reflects the Gold Coast life style.

How You Can Help.....

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Paradise Kids Grief and Loss Counselling Programs

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What We Do

Paradise Kids delivers 7 Grief and Loss Counselling Programs (with an average of 10 children per group) conducted over 7 weeks each school term to children aged 3 to 11 years. In total, over 4 school terms a year, Paradise Kids delivers over 28 programs to 260 children who are experiencing divorce, separation or a death in the family; suffering from an illness or a terminal illness; have seen their parent suicide; are a victim of abuse, sexual abuse or abandonment; experiencing life in a violent domestic home situation or life in foster homes.

At Paradise Kids we receive no government funding so we rely heavily on the generosity of community donations to "help heal the heartache of the little ones". As a local children's charity we are unique as we can offer our donors, supporters and community partners the opportunity to be a part of the PK Family to see firsthand the work we do and the difference we make to the wellbeing of our local children who participate in our programs.

If you would like to **Partner with Paradise Kids** and "help heal the heartache of the little ones" we offer you the opportunity to financially support one or more of our programs.

Age Group	No of Groups Per Week	Duration Per School Term	Group Cost For 7 Weeks (1 x School Term)	Group Cost For 7 Weeks (4 x School Terms)	Total Group Cost For 28 Weeks (4 x School Terms)
3-5 Years	1	7 Weeks	1,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00

The 3-5 year age group helps children work through their grief, loss or trauma in a playful, fun atmosphere with a trained Grief Counsellor. This results in a change of attitude, better behaviour and a greater understanding of their strong emotions. In particular they learn to manage anger in a safe socially acceptable way.

Age Group	No of Groups Per Week	Duration of Each Group Per School Term	Cost x 1 Group For 7 Weeks (1 x School Term)	Cost x 1 Group For 7 Weeks (4 x School Terms)	Total Group Cost For 28 Weeks (4 x School Terms)
6-11 Years	5	7 Weeks	2,370.00	9,480.00	47,400.00

The 6-11 year age group helps children deal with their strong feelings of grief and guilt particularly in relation to the death or divorce of a family member. At this stage of development children often feel the loss is their 'fault.' The program provides a safe space for children to express their feelings in a safe way, including anger, and normalises body symptoms as part of the grief process. They learn inner life skills to help them with the healing process of grief, loss or trauma and also deal with future loss and change.

Boys Group	No of Groups Per Week	Duration of Group Per School Term	Cost x 1 Group For 4 Weeks (1 x School Term)	Cost x 1 Group For 4 Weeks (4 x School Terms)	Total Group Cost For 16 Weeks (4 x School Terms)
8-11 Years	1	4 Weeks	964.00	3,856.00	3,856.00

*The aim of the *8-11 Boys Group is for the boys to have fun, participate in physical games and explore trust and responsibility while experiencing the company of good men. This diverse group of men will model a form of masculinity that demonstrates strength, integrity, compassion and respect – respect for women, each other and the boys. The concept is simple. Paradise Kids believes that it is very important for boys to interact with good-hearted men of high integrity. It is how a boy learns to become a good man.*

Contact Us

To offer your support, please contact Leah Taylor @ Paradise Kids on (07) 5574 6853 or email ltaylor@paradisekids.org.au.

All donations received towards the delivery of our program(s) are fully tax deductible.

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