
SPANTECH
Child Care Centres



BONNY BABES, COOMERA
A combined 150 place child care centre catering for ages from 6 weeks to 5 years

Child Care Centres with a Difference

Spantech's unique child care centres offer space and variety

Spantech designed and constructed its first child care centre in 2001 for Bonny Babes, a Gold Coast based child care provider.

Bonny Babes is a family owned business with over 31 years experience working with children.

"We aim to provide a centre that works in partnership with parents and their

families, and the centre's teachers to provide both happiness and enjoyment" says Principal Bonnie.

Spantech worked closely with Bonny Babes during the planning phase to ensure the design of the centres not only met the regulatory requirements, but also met Bonny Babe's operational requirements and corporate philosophy.

"Our aim is that every child will feel safe, loved and nurtured, growing confident to pursue their dreams and be a success in all they do."

A key feature of Spantech's child care centre designs is the unique internal

covered court yards which provide a safe all weather play area .

The court yard is directly accessible from reception and each classroom. It is the focal point of many daily activities and is regularly used for special events.

It provides a flood of natural light and fresh air into the core of the building.

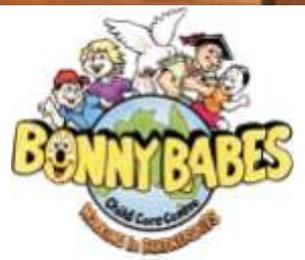
Most importantly, the courtyard gives teachers the ability to maintain their routine of outdoor activities or inject some variety into their programs.



BONNY BABES, COOMERA
A Spantech roof covers the central courtyard



BONNIE BABES, OXFORD
 Designed and constructed in a single stage
 150 place centre catering for children from 6 weeks to 5 years
 Includes a separate training centre for staff



Project experience counts

Building successful child care centres for kids, families, centre operators and owners

A child care centre is not a small school, nor is it a big house. But it is the critical first step in a child's formal education where kids should feel at home.

Spantech successfully designed and constructed three Child Care Centres for Bonnie Babes.

The overall designs are welcoming, fun and stimulating for children, functional and versatile for teachers. The centres are also cost effective for the centre operators and owners of the buildings.

Materials, finishes and fixtures are carefully selected to ensure they are durable enough to withstand the punishment only a 5 year old can dish out, but are easily maintained or replaced when needed.

Spantech's most recently completed child care centre is Bonnie Babes, Oxenford, located in the rapidly growing northern end of the Gold Coast.

The centre has 150 places for children from 6 weeks old to 5 years old.

Kids need plenty of space both inside and out, so the design includes versatile areas that the staff can change and adapt to keep the kids active and as they learn, play and have fun.

Two baby areas each include an activity room and dedicated nursery, change benches and plenty of storage space.

Five activity rooms cater for toddlers between 15 months and 3.5 years. The internal layout is infinitely variable.



Older kids up to 5 years old are well catered for with three activity rooms. The room layout and group size is designed to provide a smooth, gentle transition to school.

All rooms open to a generous veranda and central covered court yard. The covered area is expansive with a vast selection of play equipment distributed across the multicoloured soft fall synthetic grass floor. It is an ideal all weather outdoor play area which is also used for large gatherings and special events.

Ongoing operating costs have been carefully considered. Large windows



BONNY BABES, OXFENFORD

and sliding doors provide plenty of natural light and fresh air. And while the centre is fully air conditioned, ceiling fans with much lower running costs have also been fitted in the activity rooms.

Rain water tanks supply toilets and the irrigation system, with an automatic switch to town water if required.

All the Bonny Babes centres meet or exceed the very stringent accreditation standards. Feedback from Inspectors has always been very positive, a testament to our architect's vision and attention to detail, the skill and care of our construction team, and the valued input of our experienced centre operators.



BONNY BABES, OXFORD

Partnering with Experienced Developers

Invest in your business, not the costly infrastructure

The cost of buying land and developing a new centre prevents some child care centre operators from starting or expanding their business.

To assist clients, Spantech has established a close working relationship with Lucas Management.

Lucas Management is an experienced property developer, commercial building

owner and lessor. Drawing on their extensive experience in the child care industry and secure financial position, Lucas Management will:

- source and purchase suitable land
- design the facility
- gain relevant Council approvals
- project manage the construction
- lease the property to the operator
- maintain the building/facilities.

Partnering with Spantech and Lucas Management has been successful for Bonny Babes.

Bonny Babes opened a 75 place Child

Care Centre in the year 2000. Lucas Management and Spantech helped them rapidly expand. Bonny Babes now operates three centres with a total of 415 places.

For Bonny Babes some of the advantages of partnering with Spantech and Lucas Management:

- centres are in prime locations
- they have design input
- the size of the centre is generous
- quality of fittings and finishes is a commercial grade or better
- their capital is free to invest in their business, not locked in real estate



BONNY BABES, HOPE ISLAND

- their management is focused on the business, not managing a property
- minimal up-front costs

- reduced financial risk
- no responsibility for the primary maintenance costs.

Lucas Management will also consider developing projects in partnership with an existing land holder.



SPANTECH 300 SERIES CURVED PANEL
The self supporting roofing panel is used extensively in the design of Spantech Child Care Centres

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Whole of life costs

Project experience demonstrates cost savings are achieved during construction and throughout the operational life of a Spantech child care centre:

- patented construction technology and construction techniques that reduce construction time and provide earlier delivery
- a reduction in construction resources and waste
- reduced construction labour force
- effective quality assurance
- low ongoing operating and maintenance costs

