

# Kindergarten Fees Policy

1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
\$104	\$208	\$312	\$416	\$490

These fees are effective for 2017 and will increase in 2018

These are the fees before the Child Care Reduction (CCR) or the Child Care Benefit (CCB) is applied. If you think you are eligible for these subsidies please contact family assistance.

## Government Funding

The Department provides kindergarten per capita (per child) grants as a contribution toward the cost of running a kindergarten program for children in the year before school. Eligible service providers receive a grant for each eligible child who is enrolled and attending a funded kindergarten program. The grant rate varies depending on where the service is located, the number of enrolments and the service setting.

Our fees and the funding we receive from the Department help towards the cost of employing an Early Childhood Teacher and the extra incursions like the visiting farm, the rabbit rearing, the duck/chicken hatching, the responsible pet program, dental checks, the weekly sports program Ready, Steady, Go and many more.

## Eligibility

Service providers that meet the eligibility criteria for kindergarten funding can apply for a per capita grant for each child enrolled and attending a kindergarten program provided that the child:

- is **at least** four years old on 30 April of the year in which they are enrolled to attend the funded kindergarten program (unless they have been approved for early entry – this requires a psychological test and the child must be approved as having extreme circumstances and strong evidence must be shown proving that it would be detrimental to the child's development to start school at the normal age)
- is enrolled for at least 15 hours per week or 600 hours per year
- is not enrolled and attending a funded kindergarten program at another service.

If your child is attending another kinder please let us know as this means we cannot claim for your child. This does not effect your enrolment at Little Scooters Kindergarten.

## Kindergarten Subsidy

There is a Kindergarten Subsidy that a family can receive at stand-alone council run centres if eligible. This is not something you can receive at our kindergarten as CCB and CCR are applied instead and because we do not have a separate kindergarten fee.

## Eligibility

You may be eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy if you qualify under any of the following circumstances:

- the child is identified by a parent, carer or legal guardian as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
  
- the child individually holds, or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:
  - a Commonwealth Health Care Card
  - a Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
  - a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card
  - Refugee visa (subclass 200)
  - In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201)
  - Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202)
  - Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa (subclass 786)
  - Protection visa (subclass 866)
  - Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203)
  - Woman at risk visa (subclass 204)
  - Bridging visas A-E
  - ImmiCard
  
- the child is identified on their birth certificate as being a multiple birth child (triplets or more).

**If you meet any of these criteria's for the Kindergarten Subsidy and would like to claim this subsidy you will need to seek care at a stand alone council run Kindergarten. Your child is still eligible to attend long day care at our centre if you choose to send them to a stand alone kinder.**