

## 2026 FEE SCHEDULE – KINDERGARTEN AND EARLY LEARNING

**Based on the release of the Queensland Government's Free Kindy Initiative rolled out in late 2023, we have adjusted our fees for Kindergarten programs accordingly.**

Free Kindy is provided for 600 hours per year. That is, 15 hours per week, for 40 weeks. In some cases, therefore, there will be an additional cost to parents.

At Catholic Early Learning and Care (CELC), we provide high quality care and value for money for the children who attend our services and their families. The collection of fees and management of debts is performed in an ethical and efficient manner to ensure the quality of care provided is not affected by non-payment of fees.

It is our policy to:

- Collect fees weekly via Direct Debit Authority for the prior week's care.
- Send weekly statements prior to the Direct Debit Authority deduction.
- Provide significant savings to families by not charging fees on public holidays or during Centre closure periods.

**PLEASE NOTE** All fees are effective from Wednesday 28th January 2026.  
A \$100 enrolment fee, per child is payable at the acceptance of your enrolment. This is a non-refundable fee.

### SILKWOOD COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

SESSION	DAILY	SESSION TIME
<b>Kindy Program Day</b> 6 Hours Per Day (9am – 3pm) for 5 days a fortnight	<b>\$46.10</b>  The Free Kindy funding will off-set 6 hours of the Kindy Program.  The remaining hours outside of the Kindy Program will be the Parent Payment of <b>\$3.55 per day</b>	8:30am to 3:00pm
<b>Kindy Additional Day</b> (Pre-kindergarten) or additional (6 <sup>th</sup> ) day or less than a 5 day fortnight	<b>\$46.10</b>	8:30am - 3:00pm

**PLEASE NOTE**

Kindergarten Government Subsidy: refer to [website](#)

\*Kindergarten children turning 4 years old by 30 June in the current year are required to attend a minimum of five days in each fortnight. All other children must attend a minimum of two sessions each week.

## NOTICE PERIODS FOR CHANGES TO/CANCELLATION OF A BOOKING

### EARLY LEARNING & CARE AND KINDY ONLY

We ask that you provide as much notice as possible to the Nominated Supervisor/Director when **changing or cancelling your permanent booking** to allow us time to change staff rosters. As a minimum we require 14 days written notice.

Fees are charged regardless of days of non- attendance.

### EARLY LEARNING HOLIDAY RATE

We require 14 days written notice for you to be able to access a maximum of 10 days Holiday Leave per year. You will receive a discount of 50% on your out-of-pocket fees.

### NON-ATTENDANCE ON FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF CARE

If a child is booked in to start on a particular date, and does not start on that day, no Child Care Subsidy will be paid until the child physically attends care. Similarly, a childcare service is taken to have permanently ceased providing care for a child on the day the child last physically attends care. Child Care Subsidy will not be paid for absences submitted after a child last physically attends a session of care.

If a family has confirmed their child's last day at a service, but that child does not attend their last booked sessions of care, no Child Care Subsidy will be paid for any days after the child's last physical attendance at the service. Any additional gap will be payable and deducted via Direct Debit Authority after an eight-week non-attendance period. We request that you advise us as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to the service.

If absences are reported after the child's last physical attendance and Child Care Subsidy is incorrectly paid, these amounts will be recovered from the service.

### LATE FEES

Children collected after the closing time will incur a late fee of \$10 per child for every 5 minutes until collected. (e.g. pick up at 3:10pm for two children will incur a late fee of \$40. Two children at 3:15pm will incur a \$60 late charge). This fee is to cover additional staffing costs.

### RECOVERY OF OUTSTANDING FEES

Failure to pay fees within agreed timeframes is a breach of the conditions of your child's enrolment and may result in withdrawal of childcare until payment is received in full or a payment plan is negotiated. Failure to adhere to the negotiated agreement may result in termination of care and account referral to a debt collection agency. All debts collection costs will be added to your account.

### GENUINE HARDSHIP CASES

The Diocese will make every effort to assist families to deal with exceptional circumstances they may be experiencing. Pastoral care support, professional counselling and/or financial assistance from within the Diocese may be offered to families in need. Families may apply to the Director Catholic Early Learning & Care to discuss your needs. Please see our "[Contact Us](#)" page for details.

\* except where 42 absence days have already been recorded in the current financial year and specific documentary evidence is provided

### XPLOR MERCHANT FEES – excl GST

Direct Debit	\$ 0.85	BPAY	\$2.00
Credit Card	2.25 %	Refund Fee	\$9.09
Other (Amex, Diners etc)	4.00 %	Dishonour Service Fee	\$18.14

