

Fee Schedule

Waiting List Application Fee

When you submit your Waiting List Application, a non-refundable fee of \$75 applies. If your child registers at more than one SA Montessori Centre, the additional waiting list fee per centre is discounted to \$25.

(Enrolment) Registration Fee

Following an *Offer of Placement*, parents must secure their child's position with a non-refundable fee of \$140 within five working days.

Bond

A bond equivalent to 2 weeks full fees is required to be paid no later than five working days after you have accepted a position for your child. The bond amount is determined at the current fee rate and pattern of attendance, prior to the Child Care Subsidy being applied. If a change in attendance subsequently occurs parents will be informed of any difference in the amount of their bond payment. The bond can be paid by direct deposit/bank transfer, money order or cheque. The Bond will be refunded in full after the child's last day (subject to any outstanding charges) if 4 weeks written notice has been given informing the centre of the intent to cancel the placement. The notice period of 4 weeks does not include the time the centre is closed. Less than 4 weeks' notice will forfeit the bond.

2021 Attendance Fees

Pre-school Program 8am – 5:30pm

Children aged 3 – 5: \$115 per day

Children aged 2 – 3: \$120 per day

Our Preschool fees are structured according to age group to reflect the differing costs associated with these ages, including (but not limited to) the increased number of educators required to satisfy the legal educator-to-child ratios for younger children.

Full daily fees apply irrespective of the number of hours utilised during the day. A statement of amount owing is issued to parents at the start of each week with fees deducted each Friday. See Fee Payment section for more details. Child Care Subsidy (CCS) may be claimed for this fee.

Toddler Program: \$270 per 10-week term (\$27 per session)

Transition Program: \$330 per 10-week term (\$33 per session)

Toddler and Transition Classes operate only during the school terms. Fees are charged according to the number of weeks in the term, and paid in advance, prior to the start of the term. Families starting mid-term are charged the pro-rata rate for the number of weeks remaining in the term. Child Care Subsidy (CCS) cannot be claimed for this fee.

Fee Payment

SA Montessori uses a payment system called 'Debitsuccess' to collect fees. This program coordinates payment details with the reporting requirements of the Commonwealth Childcare Subsidy (CCS) system. **It is a condition of enrolment that families agree to participate in this system. It involves a weekly automatic withdrawal of fees from a nominated personal account. Account payments are NOT handled at the Centre.**

Fee Payment Policy

- Fees are charged for all days booked including Public Holidays and days absent.
- Sessions cannot be made up if not attended.
- Fees must be paid by the Debitsuccess payment system.
- Toddler and Transition fees are paid in advance for a school term and fees will not be refunded if a child withdraws once the term has begun. If an account is outstanding beyond the due date, a late fee of \$50 is applied.
- If accounts are outstanding after two weeks, the placement will be forfeited.
- Debt collection procedures will be initiated on any outstanding fees.

Government Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** provides assistance to help families with the cost of child care. The CCS replaces the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

How does it work? If you are eligible to receive the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), your entitlements will be paid **directly to the service** your child is attending. The service will then deduct CCS from your child's regular fees, leaving you with only a gap to pay for your child's enrolment. Some basic requirements must be satisfied for an individual to be eligible to receive Child Care Subsidy for a child. These include the age of the child (must be 13 or under and not attending secondary school), that the child meets immunisation requirements and that the individual, or their partner, must meet the residency requirements.

How much will I receive? Three things determine a family's level of CCS:

1. A family's annual adjusted **taxable income** will determine the percentage of subsidy they are eligible for,
2. An **activity test** will determine how many hours of subsidised care families can access, up to a maximum of 100 per fortnight, and
3. The **type of child care service** will determine the hourly rate cap.

The government has an online estimator to assist you with determining your expected entitlements. Visit the Centrelink website at:

www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/centrelink and click '**Payment and Service Finder**'.