

Fee Schedule

Waiting List Application Fee

When you submit your Wait List Application you must pay a non-refundable fee of \$75. If you have applied to the Waiting List at one of the other SA Montessori centres, or if you have another child already registered to our Jescott Waiting List, you are eligible for a discounted Waiting List Fee of \$25.

Enrolment/Registration Fee

A \$75 fee applies in the rare circumstance of a family being offered a placement without having first registered to our Waiting List. This must be paid prior to the child commencing.

Bond

A bond equivalent to 4 weeks full fees is required to be paid after you have accepted a position. You will be advised of a due date for your bond when you are given your offer of placement (failure to pay by this date can result in the position being reallocated). The bond is applicable for all families and is paid at the current fee rate and pattern of attendance, prior to the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) being applied. Where the child's attendance pattern alters, (eg. increasing days of attendance) or a change to the daily fee occurs, the increased bond payment due must be paid prior to the commencement of such changes.

The bond will be refunded in full after the child's last day (subject to any outstanding charges) if 4 weeks' notice (in writing) has been given to our Centre informing us of the intent to cancel the placement. The four week notice period cannot include the time the centre is closed each year. Less than 4 weeks' notice will proportionately forfeit the bond amount. The bond can only be paid by direct deposit/bank transfer, money order or cheque.

A bond is not collected for Nido as fees for the full term are collected upfront.

2021 Attendance Fees

Nido: \$200 per 10-week term

Bookings are for a 10-week period and full fees must be paid in advance, prior to each term. *Child Care Subsidy (CCS) cannot be claimed for this fee.*

Pre-school: Children aged 3-5: \$100 per day

Children aged 2-3: \$108 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. Preschool children attend a minimum of two full days a week. Full day fees apply irrespective of the number of hours utilised during the day. Bookings are continuous throughout the 48 weeks that the centre operates (including school and public holidays). Please see Fee Payment section for more details.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) may be claimed for Pre-school fees.

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 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 will be charged for all days booked including Public Holidays and all days where the child is absent including for sickness or family holidays.
- Sessions cannot be made up if not attended.
- Fees must be paid by the Debitsuccess payment system.
- If the account is outstanding beyond the due date, a late fee of \$20 will be applied.
- If accounts are outstanding after two weeks, the placement will be forfeited.
- Debt collection procedures will be initiated on any outstanding fees.
- Nido fees are paid in advance for the full term and fees will not be refunded if a child withdraws part way through a term.

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**'.