

2021 Fee Schedule

Administrative Fees

Waiting List Application Fee **\$75 (non-refundable)**

This fee must accompany the *Waiting List Application form*. The application fee is for administration purposes and is not refundable. 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 Waiting List, you are eligible for a discounted Waiting List Fee of \$25.

Enrolment Registration Fee **\$140 (non-refundable)**

Following an *Offer of Placement* parents must secure the position with a non-refundable fee for administrative purposes.

Bond **Equivalent of 2 weeks gross fees (refundable if all conditions met)**

It is a requirement of enrolment that parents notify **Lilliput Village Montessori** in writing **with 4 weeks'** advance notice when withdrawing their child from the centre. The notice period cannot include time that the centre is closed. Once notice has been given, the bond will be refunded to parents following full payment of any outstanding fees due up to the last day of attendance. *In the event that less than 4 weeks' notice is provided then the portion of the bond equivalent to the remainder of the notice period will be forfeited.* For example, if only 2 weeks' notice of departure is provided then the bond for the remaining 2 weeks of the 4 week notice period will be retained by the centre in lieu of the fees owing.

Attendance Fees

For children aged under 3 years **\$130 per day**

For children aged over 3 years **\$112 per day**

Our 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.

Fees are due at the conclusion of each week of attendance. Fees apply for 48 weeks of the year for all days booked including public holidays and sick days. Fees must be paid by direct withdrawal from a nominated bank account using the 'Debitsuccess' payment system.

Minimum attendance at Lilliput Village Montessori is 2 days a week.

The centre is open between 8.00am to 5:00pm daily for 48 weeks of the year (excluding Public Holidays) Fees are calculated as a full day of attendance irrespective of whether a child utilizes all the available daily hours. Children can attend 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week.

Fee Payment

Fees are processed at the conclusion of each week of attendance. Fees apply for 48 weeks of the year for all days booked including public holidays, holiday periods and sick days. **Lilliput Village 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 the Debitsuccess direct payment system. This involves the weekly automatic withdrawal of fees from a nominated bank account. Fee payments will not be handled at the centre.**

Bond

When a date is identified for the commencement of a new child, a bond equal to full fees for 2 weeks, must be paid no later than five working days after the position being accepted. The bond will be calculated at the current fee rate and pattern of attendance booked and is for the full amount due prior to applying the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). The bond will be refunded in full after the child's last day (subject to any outstanding payments) if 4 weeks advance notice (in writing) has been given informing the centre of the intent to cancel the placement. The bond may only be paid by Direct Deposit/Bank Transfer, money order or cheque. If there is a subsequent change in attendance pattern or daily fee, parents will be informed of any necessary adjustment to their total bond payment.

Holiday Programs

It is a requirement of being an approved centre for Commonwealth Childcare Subsidy that the pre-school runs a continuous service for 48 weeks of the year. Therefore school holiday programs will be conducted during breaks between school terms. A child's placement is continuous throughout this period and fees must be paid accordingly to retain the placement. However, we actively encourage families who are not in need of child care during this time to allow their child to experience this important time off to spend with family and older siblings.

Commonwealth Childcare 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. 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. 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'.