

ECHOES 2024/2025 FEE SCHEDULE

Fee Schedule current as at October 2024. Details subject to change. Please contact the centre to confirm up-to-date information.



Waiting List Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying to the Waiting List does not guarantee an offer of placement or enrolment. The Waiting List Fee is non-refundable. The Waiting List Fee is waived for current or previous students of any SA Montessori centre, and/or their siblings. The centre reserves the right to waive or discount the Waiting List fee in certain circumstances. 	<p style="text-align: right;">\$75 <i>(non-refundable)</i></p>
Enrolment Registration	<p>Following an <i>Offer of Placement</i> parents must secure the position with a non-refundable administrative fee.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">\$145 <i>(non-refundable)</i></p>
Bond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon enrolment (or when increasing days of attendance) a bond is required to the equivalent amount due for two full weeks of fees. The Bond is held by the centre and may be used to cover any unresolved or unpaid fees during a child's attendance. If the bond is depleted entirely by fee payments the enrolment will be forfeited. If the child's enrolment continues after the bond has been depleted (as fee payment has resumed by that point) an additional bond will be collected from the family to secure the ongoing position. Bond refund conditions require that parents notify Echoes Montessori in writing with 4 weeks advance notice when withdrawing their child from the centre, or cancelling any days of enrolment. The four weeks' notice cannot incorporate the centre's End of Year and New Year closure period. If a four week notice of departure has been supplied, the bond will be refunded following full payment of any outstanding fees due up until the last day of enrolment. The bond may also be used to cover outstanding fees after the last day of enrolment, and in this case, only the balance (if applicable) will be refunded. Parents who supply less than the required 4 weeks' notice for a departure will still be required to pay the equivalent total fees of that 4 week notice period regardless of their child's attendance during this time. The bond may be forfeited and used towards a portion of this fee payment. As Centrelink generally does not pay entitlements if a child is absent on their formalised last day, or any absences immediately surrounding that last day, full fees (with no Child Care Subsidy applied) may need to be charged for that period of time, where applicable. Towards the conclusion of the enrolment, the primary caregiver will be asked to nominate a preferred account to receive any bond refund available following the child's departure, after all conditions are met. 	<p><i>The bond is calculated prior to any Child Care Subsidy application.</i></p> <p><i>It is the equivalent of:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 weeks gross fees <i>(refundable if all conditions met)</i></p>
Nido, Bambini and Preschool Program Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The centre programs operate between 8.00am to 6:00pm daily. Minimum attendance at Echoes Montessori is 2 days a week but children can attend up to 5 days a week. Fees are calculated as a full day of attendance irrespective of whether a child utilizes all of the available daily hours. Sessions cannot be made up if not attended. Fees apply for 48 weeks of the year for all days booked irrespective of any absences (eg public holidays, family holidays and sick days). Fees are payable at the conclusion of each week of attendance and are automatically deducted by direct withdrawal from a nominated bank account using the centre 'Debitsuccess' payment system. Participation in the DebitSuccess system is a condition of enrolment. 	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Under 3 years:</i> \$142 per day</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Over 3 years:</i> \$136 per day</p>
Default Fees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the event of a failed payment, Debitsuccess charges Echoes Montessori a Service Fee of \$19.95. This fee is passed on to the family, with \$19.95 being charged by Echoes Montessori to the child's account for each failed payment. A failed payment means that the attempt to process the weekly fee cannot be completed or is reversed. Reasons for a failed payment can include, but are not limited to, insufficient funds in the nominated account on the day of the debit, daily payment limits on the card/account, or the cancellation of a card or closure of account without provision of updated details in time for the next payment date. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that the conditions for a successful payment are maintained. The Service Fee for \$19.95 charged to a family for each failed payment is non-negotiable and non-refundable. In the event of recurrent non-payment and/or a pattern of late payments, a Penalty Fee of \$25 will be charged (in addition to the \$19.95 Service Fee on each failed payment). If accounts remain outstanding after two weeks, the placement may be forfeited. Debt collection procedures may be initiated on any outstanding fees. Children must be collected prior to centre closing time (6.00pm) so that staff can leave promptly at the completion of their shift. Where a child remains after closing time (6 :00pm) a late fee will apply to cover the cost of overtime wages payable to the staff members who remain behind. This charge is \$30.00 for the first 15 minutes (or part thereof) and then \$5.00 for every additional 5 minutes increment (or part thereof). A surcharge amount will be applied to direct debit payments according to the payment method nominated by the parent/caregiver: Surcharges are as follows: Bank Account: No Surcharge, Visa/Mastercard: 2.17% inc GST, WE DO NOT ACCEPT AMEX 	<p style="text-align: right;">\$19.95 Service Fee for Failed Payments</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$25 Penalty Fee for Recurrent Non-Payment or Late Payments</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$30+ for Late Collection</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Payment Method Surcharge as applicable</p>