



MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Christian Education on Purpose



Early Learning Centre Fees and Finances

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Free Kindy for 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year

The Queensland Government funds 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year of free Kindy for all eligible Kindy-age children who attend a government-approved free Kindergarten program in a sessional Kindergarten or Long Day Care service.

Eligible Kindy-Age – Children aged at least four years of age by 30 June in the year they attend Kindy.

If your child attends MCC Long Day Care, you will receive a subsidy for 600 hours and additional care is paid for separately. This additional care may be covered in part by the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

If your child attends MCC Part-Time Kindy (Sessional Kindy), you will receive a subsidy for 600 hours and there may be a minimal out of pocket fee if the Centre's allocated Kindy days exceed the 600-hour benchmark/requirement for the year.

LONG DAY CARE

MCC Long Day Care is billed at \$93.50 per day. Full fees are payable for absences due to family holidays, illness or days when the MCC Early Learning Centre is closed for statutory holidays. Prior to Mackay Christian College term breaks (April, June/July, September/October and December), parents/carers will be emailed an Application for Leave Form. Submission of this form allows you to access up to two weeks holiday leave (pro-rata basis for part-time attendance) at the discounted rate of 50%. Full fees apply for any additional days not in attendance. A form must be completed and returned for each separate period of leave to ensure access to Child Care Subsidy.

Please note, leave of over six weeks may result in your CCS enrolment being ceased by Centrelink. In the event that this happens you will need to re-enrol. This leave forms part of your 42 days allowable absences.

Fees are billed fortnightly and statements sent to families via email and are due within the next fortnight. Please check your statement to ensure you are receiving the correct CCS and inform the Early Learning Centre Admin Assistant of any problems. Preferred payment method is by Direct Debit. Direct Debit forms are available from Primary Reception, MCC website or email accounts@mccmky.qld.edu.au. You may also pay by credit card or EFTPOS at Primary Reception.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) (only applies to Long Day Care)

MCC Early Learning Centre is a Child Care Subsidy approved service. This means that families can access the Child Care Subsidy depending on eligibility requirements. To access more information regarding eligibility please follow this [link](#).

PART-TIME KINDY

MCC Part Time Kindy (Sessional Kindy) is at no cost due to Free Kindy funding. There may be a very minimal out-of-pocket fee if the Early Learning Centre's allocated Kindy days slightly exceed the 600 hour benchmark/requirements per year.

Overdue Fees

If fees remain outstanding you will be contacted by the Accounts department and if the issue continues, your child's attendance may be withdrawn, and legal action may be taken. At any stage in the month, you can request a statement of your account. One month's notice must be given in writing prior to your child being withdrawn from the MCC Early Learning Centre. If such notice is not given fees will be charged for the month after the child is withdrawn.

Deposit

A deposit of \$150 is required at the time of application to secure a possible place for your child and will be used as your registration fee. This is to be paid before applications can be processed. If your application is unsuccessful, the full deposit of \$150 will be refunded to you. However, if you choose to withdraw your application, this deposit is non-refundable.

Late Fees

Pick up time for Early Learning Centre Part-Time Kindy children is 2:50pm and the Part-Time Kindy closes at 3:00pm. Early Learning Centre Long Day Care is open from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Regulations state that at least two staff must be at the Early Learning Centre while there are children on-site. If children are collected after closing time, late fees are charged at the rate of \$1.00 per minute to cover the payment of overtime for the two staff members.

MCC Early Learning Centre late pick-ups can be upsetting for your child and potentially stressful for staff. It is important that parents/carers phone the Early Learning Centre if they are going to be late. If there is an emergency and you are unable to collect your child on time, please contact the Early Learning Centre.

