

STAR OF THE SEA

CHILD CARE SERVICES + KINDERGARTEN

MERRIMAC

FEE SCHEDULE

Program Details

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Kindergarten Program Details

This service is an approved kindergarten program provider under Queensland Kindergarten Funding (QKF).

Kindergarten program operates during school terms from 8:30am -2:45pm Monday - Friday. The Kindergarten Program operates during Catholic school terms. Please see the kindergarten calendar for operating dates.

Funding is available for eligible aged children only, for 15 hours per week or 30 hours a fortnight. Any additional days are charged at the full daily fee.

Children who turn 4 after the 30th June in the year they attend, or children enrolled in another Kindy program will not be eligible for funding and will be charged the full daily fee.

Kindergarten Fees

Total daily rate

(cost of the program before the subsidies are applied for eligible children / additional days / non-eligible children)

\$85.50

Inclusions in the total daily rate

Qld Kindergarten Learning Program, Sunscreen

Enrolment conditions

(Commitment required for child to be eligible for kindergarten funding)

Enrolment to be a minimum of 15 hours per week or 30 hours per fortnight

OSHC Fees

	Permanent fee	Casual fee
Before school care	\$21.00	\$26.00
After school care	\$28.00	\$33.00
Last day of school	N/A	N/A
Vacation care & pupil free days	\$57.00	\$62.00

Educational Program Fees

These are additional fees paid for incursion and excursion days during vacation care	Educational program 1	Educational program 2	Educational program 3	Educational program 4	Educational program 5
	\$5	\$15	\$25	\$35	\$50

Additional fees or levies (fees marked with an * do not apply to eligible, kindergarten-aged children)

Enrolment fee (initial enrolment)	\$40*
Annual enrolment fee	\$25*
Security fob bond	\$20
Late collection fee	\$25 for every 15 minutes or part thereof
Non-communication fee	\$5
Hat	\$12

Fee Inclusions

Sunscreen, breakfast and afternoon tea

Account Management Information

Payment Options

Payment can be made by Xpay. All fees should be paid for the previous week of care provided. Please speak with the Service Leader about establishing a payment method and schedule.

Child Care Subsidy

Information about the Australian Government's Child Care Subsidy payments for eligible families is available at: www.familyassist.gov.au/payments/family-assistance-payments.

Fees and Account Management Policy

In addition:

- All fees must be paid to the end of the previous week of care
- Failure to pay child care fees at least fortnightly may result in suspension of enrolment until fees are paid in full
- Failure to pay fees incurred within the prescribed timeframe may result in withdrawal of care places until fees are paid in full or payment plan arrangements can be made.
- Failure to adhere to a payment agreement may result in account referral to a debt collection agency, the cost of which will be added to the account
- All payments received will be receipted as per the policy
- If experiencing financial hardship payment plans or additional funding may be available. Please speak with the Service Leader for further information.

Fees are reviewed annually and may be increased each year. Quality care for children, affordability for families and financial viability of the service are the key elements in determining fees.

Approved Kindergarten Program Providers

This service holds a current service approval for a centre based service in Queensland, under the Education and Care Services National Law (National Law) or the Education and Care Services Act 2013, and appropriate public liability insurance of at least \$10 million. To be eligible to receive kindergarten funding the service must meet specific requirements, including provide an approved kindergarten program:

- To children who are at least four years of age by 30 June in the year they commence kindergarten
- Delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher
- Aligned with the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline, or other education program approved by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority
- For 600 hours annually made up of 15 hours a week or 30 hours per fortnight for 40 weeks. Any other model must be approved by the Department of Education prior to commencement.

The Australian and Queensland Governments are providing subsidies to support the delivery of kindergarten programs. For more information, please visit the Department of Education website: <https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/>

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