

# Fee Schedule

Bumper Bears Early Learning Centre aims to provide a quality service to families at an affordable price.

Room Name	Ages	Fees
Nursery	6 weeks to 2 years	\$98.00 per day or \$460/week
Toddlers	15 months to 3 years	\$98.00 per day or \$460/week
Jnr Kindy	2 – 3 years	\$94.00 per day or \$440/week
Snr Kindy	2 ½ - 3 ½ Years	\$94.00 per day or \$440/week
Preschool	3 years – 6years	\$94.00 per day or \$440/week

*Fee Notes: When a child is booked in but does not attend, the usual fees apply, including public holidays, absent days due to sickness or holidays.*

Upon enrolment, you will be asked if you will be paying on a weekly or fortnightly payment schedule.

**If you will be paying weekly, the first TWO weeks of fees is payable** immediately, via eftpos.

**If you will be paying fortnightly the first THREE weeks of fees become payable** via eftpos.

Accounts must be kept one week in advance at all times.

## Payment Methods

### **Fees are paid one week in advance.**

Fees can be paid by Ezi-Debit (Direct Debit) & Centrepay. You will be issued with a statement on a weekly basis via email on the first day of the week detailing your charges, current status of your account, CCB information and receipt details for any payments made.

### **Child Care Benefit**

Application forms are available from your local Family Assistance Office (FAO) or by calling 13 61 50. It is your responsibility to ensure that your forms are correctly filled out and lodged with your local FAO office before the expiry date. Any period of fees not covered by CCB will incur payment of full fees. All children must be fully up to date with their immunisations, to be eligible for Child Care Benefit.

**Absent Days**

Parents are required to pay for all days their child is absent, including public holidays and days your child is ill.

Centrelink allows you to claim 42 days per year without having a reason. If you use over your child's 42 allowable absences, you will be charged the full fee as Centrelink will not provide subsidies for any absences over 42 days. To find out what counts as "allowable absences" please see the Director.

If your child is absent due to illness and has a Doctors certificate this will not be taken off your child's 42 Allowable Absence days. To claim this you must provide a Doctor's certificate to us within two (2) working days of the child being off ill. Public holidays, holiday days and absences due to illness where a medical certificate is not received all count towards your allowable absences tally.

**Holiday Rate**

The centre has a policy wherein each enrolled child is entitled to two weeks of holidays at half rate per calendar year. To be eligible for this reduced rate, children must be absent from the centre during the period the half rate reduction is claimed, and the children must not have already used their allocation of two weeks in the calendar year. To check if you have any allocation left, please see the director.

**Extra Care Days**

For children that are not attending the centre full time extra care days may be available when irregular vacancies occur from time to time. If you would like to be notified of any available extra days please provide you details to the Director.

All additional care days are charged at the full rate, and fees are payable in the next billing cycle. Please be aware of how many hours Centrelink has allocated toward your child care benefit, to ensure you are covered before utilising additional days. Any charges at full rate still apply. Note: These days arise on an ad hoc basis and it can be difficult to predict when a vacancy may occur during any given timeframe. The centre does not guarantee those extra days will be available. They are given only when appropriate and available.

**Late Fees**

The centre is staffed until 6:00pm. If a parent is late collecting the child, late fees will apply. Currently a late fee of \$15.00 for every 15 minutes of part thereof per child, applies and is payable immediately.

**Outstanding Fees**

It is important that your fees are kept up to date. If your account goes into arrears for 14 days or more your child's place may be cancelled and we cannot guarantee there will be a vacancy when the account has been paid. If you have a problem with payment of your fees, please talk to the Director as soon as possible so alternative arrangements may be discussed.

**Termination**

If you are withdrawing your child from the centre, we require two weeks written notification. This notification must be handed to the Director. Please see the director regarding earlier termination on compassionate grounds.