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MACKILLOP
CHILDCARE NQ

COLUMBA Kindergarten CHARTERS TOWERS

**This Kindergarten service is an approved kindergarten program provider
under the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS)**

SERVICE DETAILS

Address: 59-69 Mary St, Charters Towers Q 4820

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Kindergarten program operates inside a long day care setting and is delivered during school terms.
Please see kindergarten calendar for operating dates for each term.

FEES (information current as of 13 July 2026, fees and subsidies are subject to change)

Daily Rate	\$ 103.30 per day (7.00am to 5.30pm) <i>(less your eligible Child Care Subsidy)</i>
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Holiday Rate <i>All enrolments are eligible for 20 days of half price holiday fees per calendar year</i>	\$ 51.65 per day <i>(less your eligible Child Care Subsidy)</i>
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KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM DETAILS

Days Kindergarten program is delivered	Monday to Friday (term time)
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Hours Kindergarten program is delivered	8.15am to 2.45pm (term time)
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Application of FREE Kindy <i>Must be at least 4 years of age by 30 June in the year they commence kindergarten and not attending another Kindergarten program.</i>	FREE for 15 hours per week (term time only) <i>Note: families may still have out of pocket costs for hours of care outside of these 15 hours.</i>
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Inclusion in the total daily rate	QLD Kindergarten Program, incursions, excursions, sunscreen, and insect repellent
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Enrolment Conditions <i>(Commitment required of child to participate in the kindergarten program)</i>	Commitment to enrol at least 3 days a week
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ADDITIONAL FEES

Non-Refundable Enrolment Deposit: <i>includes \$50 enrolment fee and a \$100 credit applied to account upon commencement</i>	\$ 150.00
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Direct Debit Rejection fee: <i>per occurrence</i>	\$ 3.00
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Late Collection Fee: <i>For every 15 minutes or part thereof per child per occurrence</i>	\$ 20.00
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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.

Information about the Australian Government's Child Care Benefit payments for eligible families is available at:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/families>

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 arrangement made.
- Failure to adhere to agreement may result in account referral to a debt collection agency, cost of which will be added to accounts
- All payments received will be receipted as per fee payment policy
- If experiencing financial hardship payment plans are available, please speak with the Service Leader for further information.

Payment Options

This is a not-for-profit, self-funded service. We rely on the prompt payment of fees to maintain effective and efficient operations. Our only regular operating income comes directly from Child Care Benefit and Parent Fees. Please ensure your account remains up to date.

This Service will accept payment by:

Our Mandatory payment methods are:

- Direct Debit – via XPAY (no fee to family)
- Debit/Credit Card – via XPAY (Visa / MasterCard Surcharge 1.32% + GST, AMEX Surcharge 4.4% + GST)

Alternative payment option:

For one-off or additional payments only, such as catch-up payments if a scheduled direct debit is unsuccessful.

- Pay Now – via Xplor App

APPROVED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM PROVIDER

This service holds a current service approval for a centre-based service in Queensland under the *Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations* and maintains appropriate public liability insurance of at least \$10 million.

To be eligible to receive kindergarten funding, the service must meet specific requirements, including delivering 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 (QKLG), or another program approved by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority
- For 600 hours per year, typically delivered as 15 hours per week or 30 hours per fortnight over 40 weeks (alternative delivery models must be approved by the Department of Education)

The Australian and Queensland Governments provide funding to support the delivery of kindergarten programs, including **Free Kindy** initiatives in Queensland.

For more information, please visit the Department of Education website:

<https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/>