

COLUMBA KINDERGARTEN CHARTERS TOWERS

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

KINDERGARTEN DETAILS

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

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 at 22nd September 2025, fees and subsidies are subject to change)

Daily rate	\$99.15 per day (7.45am to 5.15pm) <i>Less your eligible Child Care Subsidy</i>
Holiday rate <i>All enrolments are eligible for 20 days of half price holiday fees per calendar year</i>	\$49.58 per day <i>Less your eligible Child Care Subsidy</i>

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM DETAILS

Days Kindergarten program is delivered	Monday to Friday (term time)
Hours Kindergarten program is delivered	8.15am to 2.45pm (term time)
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) Note: families will still have out of pocket costs for hours of care outside of these 15 hours.
Inclusions in the total daily rate	QLD Kindergarten Program, incursions, excursions, sunscreen, and insect repellent
Enrolment conditions <i>Commitment required of child to participate in the kindergarten program</i>	Commitment to enrol in at least 3 days a week.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Non-refundable Enrolment Deposit: <i>(Includes \$40 enrolment fee and \$100 credit applied to account upon commencement)</i>	\$140.00
Direct Debit Rejection fee: <i>(per occurrence when paying via Xpay)</i>	\$3.00
Late collection fee: <i>(For every 15 minutes or part thereof per child per occurrence)</i>	\$20.00

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 childcare 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:

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

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 (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/>