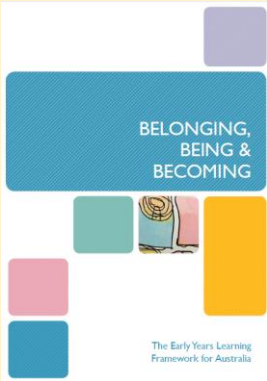





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<p>Why doesn't the centre offer ½ day places and rates?</p>	<p>Most families / parents end up only wanting a morning session and it is hard to fill the afternoon sessions. Staff can then only be appointed part-time or casual which can result in high turnover of staff who are seeking permanent or full time work. It is not financially viable for centres to offer ½ day places and rates.</p>
<p>What does the \$76 per day for long day care cover?</p> 	<p>Qualified, supportive staff. A great facility that complies with the Education and Care Services National Regulations and flexible educational programs meeting the requirements of the Early Years Learning and Development Framework. Many families using an approved childcare service are eligible for Childcare Benefit (CCB) which is a payment from the Australian Government paid directly to the service to assist with the cost of care. CCB is means tested depending on your family's annual income.</p> <p>An additional payment is the Child Care Rebate (CCR). You may be eligible for CCR if you and your partner meet the Work, Training and Study Test. Even if your family income is too high to receive CCB you may be eligible for CCR. The rebate covers 50% of out of pocket childcare expenses for approved childcare up to an annual limit per child. For most that means that the cost is less than \$38 per day per child.</p> <p>Contact Centrelink to find out the percentage of benefit that you are able to access.</p> <p>http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/child-care-rebate http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/child-care-benefit</p>
<p>Why isn't the centre offering 3 year old Kindergarten?</p> 	<p>Three year old or early start Kindergarten is not subsidised by the government like 4 year old Kindergarten. The aims of early start programs are to help children with their language, development and self confidence in preparation for four year old Kindergarten. These skills can also be learnt through a long day childcare program where childcare benefit and rebate help families with reduced costs. Where learning for three year olds is part of a long day childcare program, families can choose the day that their child attends.</p>
<p>Why do we need to pay for care when a child is sick or absent?</p>	<p>When you book your child into programs at the centre (Long Day Childcare and Out of School Hours Care) you have a guaranteed place each week. Staff are paid normal time for public holidays under their employment award and have set rosters based on the number of children booked in per day. Staff will still be in attendance and need to be paid if your child is sick or doesn't attend.</p>

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<p data-bbox="126 100 370 277">Please explain the options available for four year old Kindergarten.</p> 	<p data-bbox="407 100 1463 176">All four year old children eligible for Kindergarten participate in the same program. Families have three choices in how their child attends and the fees that they pay.</p> <p data-bbox="407 197 1490 378"><u>Sessional Kindergarten (limited places)</u> – 4 year old children attend the centre two and a half days per week (15 hours) during the term for set hours and families are charged a term fee, currently \$350. There is Kindergarten fee subsidy for eligible families.</p> <p data-bbox="407 399 1455 428">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/kindergarten/Pages/fees.aspx</p> <p data-bbox="407 449 1495 680">Children can only attend the service during sessional kindergarten hours and do not attend in the school holidays. If families need any care outside of sessional kinder hours, (even if it is only for 15 minutes prior to the session), please ask the Centre Director for available options. Kindergarten staff are not able to supervise children until the session begins.</p> <p data-bbox="407 701 1252 730">There is no childcare benefit or rebate for sessional kindergarten.</p> <p data-bbox="407 751 1442 932">Children enrolled in sessional kinder allow places to be available for the children enrolled in school who attend the before and after school care program. The number of enrolments possible for before and after school hours care is based on the number of children attending sessional kindergarten.</p> <p data-bbox="407 953 1451 982"><u>Participation in 4 year old Kindergarten under Long Day Care fee structure.</u></p> <p data-bbox="407 1003 1438 1281">Families are charged a fee per day (currently \$76). Children are enrolled for set days and can attend between 7am-6pm. Children are able to attend every week of the year except when the centre is closed for public holidays, between Christmas and New Year and any other days as directed by the Department of Education during any period of emergency. Families are eligible for child care benefit and rebate.</p> <p data-bbox="407 1302 1260 1331"><u>Combination of sessional and long day care for kindergarten.</u></p> <p data-bbox="407 1352 1503 1533">Families may require additional hours of care for one of the days that their child attends sessional kindergarten. Families will be charged an hourly fee for sessional kindergarten hours (during the term) and long day care fee for days where extra care is needed. The hourly rate for sessional kindergarten is \$2.30.</p>
<p data-bbox="126 1558 326 1633">How are centre fees decided?</p> 	<p data-bbox="407 1558 1520 1633">The Committee of Management decide on all fees for the centre. Some Kindergarten services receive subsidies from local government, and other parent organisations.</p> <p data-bbox="407 1654 1495 1835">Yarram Early Learning does not receive subsidies. The current Kinder term fee (paid by parents) and funding from the state government, does not cover all costs for running a four year old kindergarten program. Parents currently only pay \$2.33 per hour for four year old Kindergarten.</p>
<p data-bbox="126 1864 358 1940">How can I pay my fees?</p>	<p data-bbox="407 1864 1471 1982">Families will be issued a fee statement fortnightly. Fees can be paid through: bank transfer, cheque, direct debit or Centrepay. Please allow 2-3 days for payments to clear.</p>