



Preschool Fee Application Form 2024

The NSW Government through the Department of Education provides funding to NSW Preschools under the Start Strong Preschool Funding Program. Start Strong Funding is tied to the provision of 600 hours (15 hours per week) of quality preschool education. The Start Strong Preschool Program requires children to be enrolled for two days per week (having access to 15 hours of preschool education) in order for the preschool to receive funding to support your child's enrolment. In addition to this funding, in 2024 NSW preschools will also receive funds from the Affordable Preschool Program to provide fee relief for families with children in preschool.

Department of Education priority of access or enrolment targets include:

- children who are at least 4 years old on or before the 31 July in that preschool year and not enrolled or registered at a school
- children who are at least 3 years old on or before 31 July in that preschool year and are:
 - children from low-income families
 - children with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background
 - children with disability and/or additional needs
- children who are at least 3 years old on or before 31 July in that preschool year with English language needs
- children who are at risk of significant harm (from a child protection perspective).

There is no order of priority assigned to the list of points above. Priority must be given to the groups outlined above before any other groups, including non-equity three-year-olds.

St Mary's Community Preschool aims to meet the needs of the children and families within our community while complying with the above guidelines.

St Mary's Community Preschool fees for 2024 have been set as follows:

Enrolment fee - **\$75**

Re-enrolment fee \$25

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Children - **\$10.50**

Low Income Families (Health Care/Concession Card Holders) - **\$10.50**

Children eligible for school entry in the following year - **\$15.75**

(Children that are 4 or turn 4 - date of birth on or before 31st July 2024).

Three-year-old children (non-equity) - **\$21**

(Preschool attracts 50% of base rate funding for non-equity enrolments attending less than 15 hours per week. Enrolment is subject to availability).

Third day (priority given to children in the year before school and working families) - **\$50**

Please complete the following table

The below information is collected and recorded to determine fees and as part of the annual Preschool Census.

Child/Children in the family to be enrolled

Child's Name and Address	Child's Date of Birth	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	Low Income (Health Care Card Holder)	Office use (Daily Fee)
		Yes No (please circle one)	Yes No (please circle one) If yes - please provide Health Care/Concession Card to preschool for copying.	

Explanatory Notes

1. The Low-Income Health Care Card is now covered by the standard Health Care Card.
2. The holder of the Pension Concession Card also qualifies for Health Care Card benefits.
3. Therefore, if a family can produce a current Health Care Card or current Pensioner Concession Card with the enrolled dependent child listed on it, they qualify for fee reduction.

Copies of this documentation must be retained by preschool in order to reduce fees. Please note full fees will be charged until appropriate documentation has been supplied.

Declaration by Family

I declare that the information given in this form is correct and that I have provided supporting documentation as necessary.

I agree that eligibility may be assessed periodically and agree to complete another application when required to obtain fee relief.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Administrator or Director's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____