

St Mary's Community Preschool Casino Inc.



Preschool Fee Application

The NSW Government through the Department of Education provides funding to NSW Preschools under the Start Strong Program. Start Strong Funding is tied to the provision of 600 hours (15 hours per week) of quality preschool education. The Start Strong 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, which supports your child's enrolment.

Department of Education priority of access or enrolment targets include: (not in any particular order).

- Children who are at least 4 years old on or before the 31st July 2019 and not yet in compulsory schooling.
- Children who are at least 3 years old on or before the 31st July 2019 and from a disadvantaged background (from a family holding a low-income Health Care Card and/or Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
- Children with English as a second language (ESL)
- Children with disabilities
- Children who are at risk of significant harm (from a child protection perspective)
- Non-equity 3-year olds who are 3 years old on or before the 31st July 2019

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 have been set as follows.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Children - **\$8.00**

Low Income Families (Health Care Card Holders) - **\$8.00**

Children eligible for school entry in the following year - **\$12.00**
(Children that are 4 or turn 4 - date of birth on or before 31st July 2019).

Three-year- old children (non- equity) - **\$20.00**

(Preschool attracts 25% of base rate funding for non-equity enrolments. Fees are therefore charged at a higher rate and enrolment is subject to availability).

Please complete the following table

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 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 if necessary.

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

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

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