The following families of a kindy-aged child (the year before commencing school) may be entitled to a concession on fees:

😊 Parents/carers with a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession Card.

😊 Families who identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or have a child who does.

😊 Families who have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year at kindergarten (Multiple Births).

Kindy/ Pre-prep Age Requirements

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Children who turn 4 during July in the year they participate in kindy may be eligible to enrol in Prep early. If they do not start Prep early they can continue to participate in kindergarten for the following year.

Contact Details

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We believe children:

- Possess a natural curiosity and wonder about their world and their God.
- Are all able and competent.
- Engage with their world through a diversity of learning styles.
- Are unique.
- Are part of a wider cultural community.
- Bring prior knowledge and past experiences to every learning experience to construct meaning.
- Have the right to access an education that provides them with the necessary knowledge and skills to participate fully in their world.

As an ‘Approved Kindergarten’ centre we are committed to the following:

- Advocating for the rights and best interests of the child;
- Viewing children as successful, competent and capable learners;
- Promoting equity, inclusion and diversity;
- Valuing Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures;
- Respecting and supporting the role of parents and families;
- Providing best practice through the provision of a university qualified teacher;
- Communicating regularly with families;
- Providing an Approved Kindergarten Program that supports children’s early learning with a focus on early literacy and numeracy, building positive relationships with others, emotional well-being, motor development and exploring every child’s innate spirituality.

What is registered care?

Child Care Benefit (CCB) is a payment from the Australian Government to reduce child care fees for families. Working families using registered care such as our kindergartens and pre-preps are entitled to CCB.

As a registered care service, you are entitled to the registered care rate for a maximum of 50 hours of care per child per week. Your family’s income does not affect the amount you receive. If you wish to receive this benefit, please approach your Kindergarten Director.

To access information relating to this rebate:
Phone: 136150

We offer "Approved Kindergarten" programs at the following kindergartens and pre-preparatory centres:

- St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Pre-preparatory Centre, **Barcaldine** Ph.: 46512450
- St Joseph’s Catholic Pre-preparatory Centre, **Blackall** Ph.: 46576129
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Pre-preparatory Centre, **Springsure** Ph.: 49841525
- St Brigid’s Catholic Pre-preparatory Centre, **Emerald** Ph.: 49820555
- St Joseph’s Catholic Pre-preparatory Centre, **Biloela** Ph.: 49924237
- Emmanuel Kindergarten, **Mount Pleasant, North Mackay** Ph.: 49420452
- St Joseph’s Kindergarten, **Park Avenue, North Rockhampton** Ph.: 49272346
- St Brendan’s Catholic Pre-preparatory Centre, **Rural View** Ph.: 49695022