



HCCS

Early Learning Centre

Information for 2017



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The HCCS Early Learning Centre (ELC) offers high quality Kindergarten education, located in the grounds of The Hills Christian Community School. This unique combination provides a smooth and secure transition from home to school. Your child's enrolment into the ELC can be the first step towards school life at HCCS.

Enrolment into the ELC will be accepted for children from 3½ years of age coinciding with School Term 1 and Term 3 intakes. The ELC is an inclusive centre and parents will be able to discuss their child/children's individual needs with the Director prior to commencement.

ELC Sessions are offered Monday to Friday during school terms. We are registered as a Long Day Care setting. Families can access Before and After School Care as well as our Out of Hours School Holiday Programme.

Participation in the ELC transitions around 5 years of age for most children. HCCS Reception intakes are at the beginning of Term 1 and Term 3.

In line with other Kindergartens and Early Learning Centres, the ELC is recommending two full days for all children during their time at the ELC.

As the ELC participates in the Federal Government's Universal Access Funding initiative, children are offered a minimum of 15 hours per week in the term after they turn 4 years old. For families who wish to access the 15 hours each week, the ELC will offer three full days a week.

The fee structure is as follows:

Before School Care	Care from 7:00am until 7.30am is provided in the HCCS OSHC Building. At 7:30am children transfer into the ELC Building. From 7.30am care is provided in the ELC building by ELC Staff.	\$11.00
ELC Session	8.45am - 3.15pm	\$92.00
Short After School Care	3.15pm - 4.00pm (or part thereof)	\$11.00
Long After School Care	3.15pm - 6.00pm (or part thereof)	\$25.00

Bookings for Before or After School Care are essential to ensure availability of spaces.

The Early Learning Centre is open for 48 weeks of the year and offers a Vacation Care Programme outside of regular School terms. This program will be operated in conjunction with the School's Out of School Hours Care service. The fee structure for this programme is as follows:

Vacation Care	7.30am - 6.00pm <i>or part thereof</i>	\$53.00
Pupil Free Day	7.30am - 6.00pm <i>or part thereof</i>	\$53.00
Half Day Vacation Care or Pupil Free	7.30am - 1.00pm <i>or part thereof</i> 1.00pm - 6.00pm <i>or part thereof</i>	\$27.00 \$27.00

Bookings are essential to ensure availability of spaces and appropriate staffing levels.

Further Information

CHILD CARE BENEFIT:

Our Centre is registered with the National Childcare Accreditation Council and families may be eligible for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Tax Rebate entitlements for services provided by the ELC and/or OSHC. Please contact the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50 for further information about your entitlements.

PLACEMENT:

Where demand exceeds supply, the ELC is required to allocate placements to those families with the greatest need by applying the Australian Government's Priority of Access Guidelines. Information about the guidelines will be provided to you when you enrol your child into the ELC.

ENQUIRIES:

For information, and to request an Enrolment Pack, please contact our Enrolment Officer, Anita McDonald, on 8388 7811 or email amcdonald@hccs.sa.edu.au or alternatively you can download an Application Form from our website at www.hccs.sa.edu.au.