



**Holland Park
Kindergarten**

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PROGRAM OPTIONS AND FEES

We offer two programs of either 2 days per week or a 5 day fortnight.

1. Mondays and Tuesdays 8 am - 6 pm: Families can access a flexible long day program for two days per week. The government funded program operates from 8 am to 3:40 pm on Monday and Tuesday during school terms, with an extension program providing an additional 2.3 hours of learning and development until 6 pm. 2017 term fees are \$1,010 per term
2. Alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8.45 am – 2.45 pm: Families not requiring an extended program are able to access our traditional 5-day fortnight program. The government funded program operates across 5 days; children attend an alternate Wednesday and every Thursday and Friday of the school term. A timetable of the Wednesday attendance days will be provided annually in the Parent Handbook. 2017 term fees are \$750 per term.

Our Kindergarten is affiliated with Lady Gowrie Queensland and we provide a Queensland Government Approved Kindergarten Program, assessed as exceeding the National Quality Standard. Our centre follows the Queensland State School Term Timetable and observes public holidays. These options are likely to remain for future enrolments across the years 2018– 2021.

WAITING LISTS

Our Kindergarten waiting lists are available for families to put their children's names down from birth. Children must be 4 years of age by June 30th in the year they attend to be eligible for entry to our program. There is a non-refundable administration fee of \$20 to be paid to add your child's details to the list.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

The enrolment process commences in May the year prior to entry. Places are offered in accordance with our Enrolment Policy, available on our website.

How do I indicate my preference of days for enrolment?

At the time the enrolment offer is emailed to you, you will have the opportunity to indicate your preference of group. We only have 22 places available in each group. Whilst we would love to accommodate everyone's preference, we are limited to the number of places physically available. Once we have filled a group we will notify you regarding the available places.

GOVERNMENT REBATES ON FEES

Holland Park Kindergarten is a Registered Care Provider. Provided you meet the eligibility criteria you may be able to receive Child Care Benefit.

Information relating to Registered Care can be via the Child Care Benefit page of the Centrelink website:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/service/centrelink/child-care-benefit>.

To claim the Child Care Benefit for Registered Care you will need to complete the following form at the end of each term:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/forms/fa018>.

The current registered care rate for a non-school-aged child for up to 50 hours of care per week is \$0.708 per hour (correct as at 1/1/17).

ENROLMENT DEPOSIT

An annual enrolment deposit must be paid to secure your child's position once you have accepted the enrolment invitation. The enrolment deposit is \$305.50, this can be paid in instalments if required. This deposit is fully refundable if your enrolment is withdrawn before the 31st October.

Does the enrolment deposit come off my first term's fees?

No. The enrolment deposit is required for the following purposes:

- \$5.50 is the annual membership fee to Holland Park Kindergarten Association. As an Incorporated Association, each family must become a member to access our services;
- \$100 Resource Levy is to supply resources for your child for the year – this includes things like paper, paint, collage materials and toilet paper for example;
- \$100 Maintenance Levy is to ensure the continued upkeep of our grounds – to look after the trees, replace the sand in the sandpit, replenish mulch and soft-fall etc; and
- \$100 Volunteer Levy – this will be refunded at the completion of the kindergarten year if you have completed your maintenance duties, assisted in fundraising events (like our Annual Open Day and Bunnings BBQ) and/or been an integral member of the Management Committee. More details on how this works will be explained to you at the Parent Information Evening and Annual General Meeting in November.

GOVERNMENT FUNDED KINDY

Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme and Universal Access

Holland Park Kindergarten is a Queensland Government Approved Kindergarten Program provider, entitled to claim the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme on behalf of children enrolled at our Centre. This funding is allocated on a per child basis and is only provided to eligible aged children for the equivalent of one 15 hour per week program, for a minimum of 40 weeks per year. The policy of Universal Access to Kindergarten ensures all children receive the benefit of attending a Kindergarten Program.

If your child is attending another kindergarten program and that program is claiming the funding for your child you will not be able to claim the funding at this service and are therefore not eligible for placement whilst there are children on our waiting list who are not attending a funded kindergarten program. Should the Kindergarten have no eligible children on the waiting list, we could offer the placement and upon acceptance you would be required to pay full fees for the Kindergarten Program.

QKFS Plus Kindy Support Subsidy

The QKFS Plus Subsidy is provided directly to the Kindergarten to reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families. Parents are required to pay the enrolment deposit in full and the extended kindy hour's term fee co-payment if they are attending the Monday Group (\$260 per term for 2017). To be eligible for the QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must either:

- hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements, or
- identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or South Sea Islander (or have a child who does), or
- have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroups are becoming increasingly important as a source of social contact and community support, as well as providing your young child with an important source of recreation. Playgroup enables families to learn, develop and socialise within our fun, relaxed and safe environment. The prime objective of our Playgroup is engage and grow with the community, to provide access to an environment that will meet the needs of families, caregivers and children.

Playgroup is parent run: Group Coordinators are appointed as the spokespeople for the group, however the group operates as a team – organising activities whilst being responsible for your own children's safety and security.

Playgroup enrolment

Playgroup offers are made to children on our Kindergarten waiting list in the year prior to their attendance at Kindergarten. So if your child will attend kindergarten in 2018 and is on our waiting list, you will be offered a place in the playgroup for the 2017 year. Acceptance and participation in the playgroup program does not guarantee a position in the kindergarten program for the following year.

Playgroup program and fees

Playgroup operates during school term on alternate Wednesdays from 9.30 am - 12.00 pm in conjunction with the annual kindergarten timetable. Playgroup caters for approximately 25 families per session. If we have enough families willing to participate we may offer 2 slightly shorter sessions, depending on demand.

The enrolment fees for Playgroup are \$35.50 annually (a once off \$30 resource levy and a \$5.50 annual membership fee), with an attendance fee of \$5 per family per session attended.

PHILOSOPHY

At Holland Park Kindergarten we view children as individuals and social learners. We acknowledge that children come from diverse backgrounds and bring unique strengths, experiences and understandings of their world.

In the learning environment, play is valued as a significant means for learning and allows opportunities for children to co-create the curriculum. Play can provide insights into children's interests, skills, beliefs, joys, anxieties and frustrations.

We believe that the connections adults make with children through listening, playing, talking and questioning provide a rich and significant context for children's learning. We consider partnerships as integral components of the curriculum and aim to ensure families are given opportunities to participate and reciprocate in all aspects of our learning community. We encourage children, families and staff to make meaningful connections and develop a sense of place within the Holland Park Kindergarten environment.

We encourage healthy, sustainable practices. The well-being of children and their development is the fundamental focus for all decision making in all aspects of the centre.

For more, please visit our website:

www.hollandparkkindy.com or contact us via email hpk@hollandparkkindy.com or call 3397 4020.



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