



FEES POLICY Preschool Programs

The fees set out below are current as of Term 1, 2026. For up-to-date information, please refer to our website.

Enrolment Application Fee: \$100 payable with Application to Enrol (non-refundable)
Placement Fee: \$400 payable on acceptance of a place at the preschool (non-refundable)

Tuition Fees Paid by the Term (in Advance):

Full Day 8.30am – 4.00pm

4/5-year-olds - 2 days per week	\$1,800 per term (\$90 per day)
- 3 days per week	\$2,700 per term (\$90 per day)
3-year-olds - 2 days per week	\$2,120 per term (\$106 per day)
- 3 days per week	\$3,180 per term (\$106 per day)

Tuition Fees Paid by the Term (in Advance):

Half Day 8.30am – 11.30am

4/5-year-olds - 5 half days per week	\$2,260 per term (\$45.20 per day)
3-year-olds - 5 half days per week	\$2,680 per term (\$53.60 per day)

ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A REDUCTION OF \$891.25 PER TERM FUNDED BY THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FEE RELIEF FUNDING PROGRAM

For example, a 4-year-old child enrolled 2 full days per week will be charged \$1,800 less \$891.25 fee relief so tuition fees payable will be \$908.75 per term.

Eligible children are those enrolled for a minimum of 600 hours per year, have nominated Hills Montessori Preschool to access Fee Relief via the mandatory 2026 Fee Relief Declaration Form and the 2026 Child Consent Form.

Note: If your child is eligible for equity loading, the reduction in tuition fees will be \$1,114 per term. Equity eligible children include ATSI background, children with disability or additional needs and children from low-income backgrounds – see office staff for details.

Society Membership Fee:	\$50 per family per year
Birthday Book Levy:	\$15 per year
Fundraising Levy:	\$130 per family per term
Before & After Session Fees:	
7.30am - 8.30am	\$10.00 per session
11.30am – 4.30pm	\$50.00 per session
11.30am – 12.30pm (Lunch Only)	\$10.00 per session
4.00pm – 4.30pm	\$10.00 per session
Family Participation Program: <i>(Refer to FPP Policy)</i>	5 hours per family per year (or \$50 per hour)
Late Payment of Tuition Fees and Levies:	\$20.00 per week after due date
Late Collection of Children Fees:	
For the first 10 Minutes	\$20.00
For each additional 5 minutes or part thereof	\$10.00

Pro-rata Payments for New Enrolments

Children who have allocated start dates commencing at the school part way through a term, will have fees calculated on the number of weeks attended for that term based on the school allocated commencement date.

Equity Fee Reduction (Government Subsidised Places)

Families with a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, the enrolled child listed as a dependent, are eligible for a reduced tuition fee. Please see our Office Staff for details.

Families of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are eligible for a reduced tuition fee. Please see our Office Staff for details.

Children with disability or additional needs may be eligible for a reduced tuition fee. Please see our Office Staff for details.

Limited Hours of Attendance

If it is in the best interests of the child, the Teacher has the right to recommend reduced attendance for that child, in consultation with the child's parents/carers. While the child occupies a place at the school, full fees are required regardless of the number of hours attended each day or the number of days attended each week.

Absences

Where a child is absent, we are unable to offer refunds of fees or make-up days.

Withdrawals

Parents/carers who do not wish to accept the offer of a place, or who wish to cancel their child's enrolment prior to commencement, are asked to notify the Head of School in writing.

A minimum of 4 weeks' written notice is required. Where less than 4 weeks' written notice is given, 4 weeks' Tuition fees will be payable. *Refer to our Withdrawal Policy*

If a child is withdrawn from attending the school during a school term, the term fees and levies will NOT be refunded. One school term's written notice of your intention to withdraw your child would be appreciated where possible.

Expulsion of Child

Hills Montessori reserves the right to exclude any child from the school at any time, whether entirely or for such period or periods as may be considered appropriate. Parents whose children are involved in the exercise of this power may approach the Hills Montessori School Board.

Late Payment of Tuition Fees and Levies

A weekly late fee will be added to accounts after the due date unless prior arrangements (or payment plan) have been made with the Finance Officer. In the event your overdue account is referred to a debt collection agency and/or law firm, you will be liable for all costs incurred to collect the debt in full.

Late Collection of Child Fee

Late collection of children will incur a fee to financially assist with overtime payments to staff.

Fee Increases

Fees will be increased annually based on salary increases as per Multi-Enterprise Agreements, adjustments in Government Funding and increases in operating costs.