

2024 Early Learning Fee Schedule

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Enrolment

Geelong College Early Learning (EL) is the first entry point to the school. Early Learning currently offers four classes: two classes for 3-4 year olds (EL3), and two classes for 4-5 year olds (EL4). Children spend between two and three years in Early Learning. On entry the Director of Early Learning and the Admissions Manager will advise you of your child's class placement depending on the date of birth and year of entry.

We offer flexible pathways through Early Learning to meet all children's needs. For example, your child may begin in EL3 and spend one or two years in the EL3 classes before entering EL4. Alternatively, your child may begin in EL4 and progress to Foundation the following year.

To begin in Early Learning children are required to have turned three years of age by April 30 in the year of attendance. Children who turn three between February 1 and April 30 may commence on or after their third birthday. For children born after April 30, places may be offered after positions have been offered to children turning three prior to April 30. These places will be subject to availability.

Times

Full day 9am – 3.15pm

- Children in both the EL3 and EL4 programs will generally be required to attend a minimum of three days per week but may choose to attend for four days.
- For the three-day program, parents may choose to begin with fewer than the required number of days, however the fee for the minimum number of days will apply.
- In certain circumstances, where there is availability, one or two day places may be offered by the school. Please contact Admissions for more information.
- Children may attend more than the recommended number of days up to a full time position (five days per week). This is subject to availability.

Enrolment Priority

- Children with older siblings currently attending The Geelong College and who intend to continue to Foundation.
- Children of Old Collegians who intend to continue to Foundation.
- Others in order of date of registration who intend to continue to Foundation.

There may be a limited number of places available for children not intending to go on to Foundation. Places will be offered for the calendar year only and allocated once all acceptances have been received from applicants who meet the above enrolment criteria.

Preference within each category will be based on date order of registration. Waiting lists will also reflect the same order of priority.

2024 Fees

Registration Fee

The Registration Fee of \$500 (including GST) is payable on submitting the enrolment application form and a copy of your child's birth certificate. This amount is non-refundable and is not credited to any other school fees upon accepting a place.

Admission Fee

Prior to entering Early Learning, a non-refundable Admission Fee of \$2,750 is payable. The Admission Fee is compulsory and payable upon acceptance of a place in Early Learning. This fee will ensure a place for your child through the Early Learning years and also ensure a prioritised place into Foundation. \$2,000 will be credited back to the first term's school fees when your child commences Foundation.

Please understand the Admission Fee is not refundable should you decide your child will not be continuing on to Foundation. However, your priority enrolment status will not be removed if you wish to enrol your child at the school at a later stage.

Early Learning Fees

Government funding is applicable for two years of Early Learning.

For EL3 it will apply to the first year of EL3 for children who turn 3 years of age by April 30 in their year of attendance.

For EL4 it will apply to the first year of EL4 for children who turn 4 years of age by April 30 in their year of attendance.

		3 days per week	4 days per week	5 days per week (Full time)
3 & 4 year old (funded)	Per Term	\$2,772	\$3,696	\$4,030
	Per Year	\$11,088	\$14,784	\$16,120

Funded Kindergarten

The Victorian Government provides funding to support children to access a high-quality kindergarten program in the two years before they start school. The funding is a contribution towards meeting the cost of the kindergarten program.

Please note that all places offered at The Geelong College Early Learning are funded places and children can only be funded at one service at any one time. If your child will be attending another service that offers a funded kindergarten program, you must tell that service that you are receiving a funded kindergarten place at our service.

Age Recommendation for EL3 Entry

Due to new funding legislation our flexibility to offer children an additional year of either 3 or 4 year-old kindergarten has been greatly affected. Therefore, we recommend children have turned three by the commencement of the school year. Please note, children born in Feb-April are still eligible for a place.

Fee Subsidy Eligibility Criteria

A service provider can apply to the Federal Government for a fee subsidy for a child for whom it receives a per capita grant in any of the following circumstances:

- the child is identified by a parent, carer or legal guardian as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- the child individually holds, or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:
 - Commonwealth Health Care Card

- Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card
- Refugee visa (subclass 200), In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201), Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202), Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa (subclass 786), Protection visa (subclass 866), Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203), Woman at Risk visa (subclass 204), Bridging visas A-E, ImmiCard
- the child is identified on their birth certificate as being a multiple birth child (triplets or more).

High priority children

In line with funding agreements from the Department of Education, in instances where more eligible children apply for a place at a kindergarten service than there are places available, services must prioritise children based on the criteria listed below:

- Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out of home Care
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children
- Asylum seeker and refugee children
- Children eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy
- Children with additional needs, defined as children who:
 - Require additional assistance in order to fully participate in the kindergarten program
 - Require a combination of services which are individually planned
 - Have an identified specific disability or developmental delay

Sibling Discount

Sibling discount will apply to Early Learning fees as they do in other parts of the school, that is, a 5% remission for the second child, 10% for the third and 15% for the fourth and subsequent children.

Outside School Hours Care

Early Learning children can attend the Outside School Hours Care program in the morning from 8am to 9am or in the afternoon from 3.15pm to 6pm on school days. Currently the charges are:

Morning session: \$8.50 per day

Afternoon session: \$28.00 per full session (3.15pm - 6pm) (\$26.00 for sibling)

\$19.50 per half session (3.15pm collected before 4.30pm) (\$17.50 for sibling)

A penalty of \$12.00 per 15 minutes (or part thereof) per child applies for pick-ups after 6pm.

There is a reduced weekly rate of \$110 for children attending Outside School Hours Care for five full sessions per week.

Bookings are required for Outside School Hours Care. Please note that the charges for these programs are subject to change.

Application Date

Early registration is strongly encouraged. Regular Open Days will be held throughout the year, and tours can be arranged at other times if required. Please contact Junior School Reception for further details. These tours will enable parents to make an informed decision about enrolling their child in Early Learning. The selection criteria will be applied and offers of place will be made in accordance with the enrolment priorities.

Other

Please refer to the College Education Agreement on the College website.