The NSW Government is providing fee relief to families through the [Start Strong Affordable Preschool](https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/start-strong-funding/start-strong-for-long-day-care/2023-start-strong-for-long-day-care-program-guidelines) initiative as part of the Early Years Commitment.

From 2023, families with children who are at least 3 years old on or before 31 July 2023 and who are enrolled in a community or mobile preschool service may save up to $4,220 each year.

**How the fee relief works:**

* The funding for your child’s fee relief will be provided to Mudgee Community Preschool, directly from the NSW Government, and we will pass this fee relief on to you as a reduction to your fees.
* You cannot receive fee relief at more than one early childhood education service.

The fee relief will be evenly allocated to you across the calendar year.

If your child will be attending another service that offers fee relief (another community preschool or a long day care service), you will need to choose which service you would like to receive fee relief from.

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| If your child is at least 3 years old on, or before, 31 July 2023, you must:1. Complete a declaration form from the NSW Department of Education (we can provide this)
2. Return the form to us as soon as possible.
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Fees for 2023 are tabled below.  Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions regarding the fees or the Declaration Form.

**2023 FEES**

Fees with Fee Relief

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|  | **Annual fee** | **Fee Relief** | **Annual fee payable** | **Termly fee** | **Weekly fee** |
| **3 Days** | $5620.00 | $4,220.00 | $1,400.00 | $350.00 | $35.00 |
| **3 Days Equity\*** | $4920.00 | $4,220.00 | $700.00 | $175.00 | $17.50 |
| **2 Days** | $4620.00 | $4,220.00 | $400.00 | $100.00 | $10.00 |
| **2 Days Equity\*** | $4420.00 | $4,220.00 | $200.00 | $50.00 | $5.00 |
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Fees without fee relief if you choose to receive Start Strong fee relief from another centre:

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|  | **Annual fee** | **Termly fee** | **Weekly fee** |
| **3 Days** | $5620.00 | $1405.00 | $140.50 |
| **3 Days Equity\*** | $4920.00 | $1230.00 | $123.00 |
| **2 Days** | $4620.00 | $1155.00 | $115.50 |
| **2 Days Equity\*** | $4420.00 | $1105.00 | $110.50 |
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**EXTENDED HOURS FEES**

The fees for the Extended Hours program are listed below. Please note that these fees are not subject to fee relief under the Affordable Preschool Funding from the NSW Department of Education Places for extended hours are limited and there is a waiting list. There are no “casual” spots for the Extended Hours program and places are booked for the whole term.

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| **Hours** | **Days** | **Daily Fee** |
| 8.30am - 9.00am  | Mon/Tues/Weds | $6.40 |
| 3.00pm - 4.30pm | Mon/Tues/Weds | $19.20 |
| 3.30pm - 4.30pm | Thurs/Fri | $12.80 |