

# Family Day Care



Merri-bek  
City Council

## Service Fees and Charges Effective 06 July 2026

Merri-bek Family Day Care is approved by the Commonwealth Department of Education for the purpose of administering Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

As the service operator, Merri-bek City Council is responsible for setting the service fee range.

Educators are registered with Merri-bek City Council Family Day Care as independent subcontractors and must meet their obligations under the current Educator Agreement when setting their individual hourly rates. Coordination Unit staff will discuss and sign a fee schedule with parent/guardians prior to care commencing.

Merri-bek City Council charges a Service Levy of \$2.20 per child per hour and this is included in the fee range below.

Educators are able to request a security deposit that is refundable on termination of care.

The information provided in this document is in direct accordance with the Payment and Collection of Fees Policy which is available on the [Merri-bek City Council Website](#).

TYPE OF CARE	DETAILS	SERVICE FEE RANGE <i>(all fees include service levy)</i>
<b>Core Hours</b>	Monday – Friday 8.00am - 6.00pm	\$13.05 - \$15.00
<b>Non-Core Hours</b>	Monday – Friday 6.00pm – 8.00am	\$13.30 - \$16.10
<b>Casual Care</b>	Monday – Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm	\$13.30 - \$16.10
<b>Weekends</b>	Saturday and Sunday	\$13.40 – \$16.45
<b>Public Holidays</b>	If child is <u>in care</u>	\$14.10 - \$22.05
	If child is <u>not in care</u> fee is charged at the core/non-core hourly rate	As per core care or non-core rate for contract hours.
<b>Service Levy</b>	This fee is to assist with administration costs	\$2.20 per hour

The following charges and conditions are the same for all families using this service.

<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast	\$4.00
	Lunch	\$5.00
	Dinner	\$5.50
	Snacks	\$4.00
<b>Travel</b>	Charge for car pick up and drop off to preschool or school	\$6.00 per trip, per family
<b>Minimum Hours</b>	Booked hours	Educator Fee Schedule
	Casual Hours	4 hours minimum
	Before School Care	1 hour minimum
	After School Care	2 hours minimum
<b>Late Fee</b>	Payable to educator if child is collected later than the booked contract time	\$10.00 per hour or part thereof. No CCS applied.