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C&K Calamvale Community College Kindergarten 2022

What hours will C&K Calamvale Community College Kindergarten operate?

From the week commencing 24 January 2022, C&K Calamvale will offer Extended Hours Kindy and Holiday Kindy programs and the Core Kindy program. The centre will be open from 8:15 am until 6:15 pm, Monday to Friday, for 50 weeks of the year.

How will it work?

The Core Kindy program will operate on a 5-day fortnight arrangement.

When you enrol your child at C&K Calamvale, they will be enrolled in our Core Kindy program. The Core Kindy program will be run each day in each of the three groups available between:

- Group 1A: Monday, Tuesday, alternate Wednesday 8:15 am to 2:23 pm (5 days per fortnight)
- Group 1B: Thursday, Friday alternate Wednesday 8:15 am to 2:23 pm (5 days per fortnight)
- Group 2A: Monday, Tuesday, alternate Wednesday 8:30 am to 2:38 pm (5 days per fortnight)
- Group 2B: Thursday, Friday alternate Wednesday 8:30 am to 2:38 pm (5 days per fortnight)
- Group 3A: Monday, Tuesday, alternate Wednesday 8:45 am to 2:53 pm (5 days per fortnight)
- Group 3B: Thursday, Friday alternate Wednesday 8:45 am to 2:53 pm (5 days per fortnight)

These sessions are led by C&K Calamvale's Teachers.

Once enrolled, you will have the option of enrolling your child in our Extended Hours Kindy program as well. The Extended Hours Kindy Program is led by a qualified Lead Educator and an Assistant Educator and runs until 6:15 pm (you can collect your child anytime until 6:15 pm).

Holiday Kindy will run during the Queensland state school holidays, closing for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year periods. The centre will be open from 8:15 am to 6:15 pm Monday to Friday during this time.

Do you have to enrol in the Extended Hours Kindy program?

No, the Extended Hours Kindy program is optional and designed to give more flexibility to families who need it.

When can your child attend the Extended Hours Kindy program?

Your child can attend the Extended Hours Kindy program on the days they are enrolled in the Core Kindy program, from Monday to Friday.

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What times can your child attend?

Our Core Kindy program begins each day at 8.15 am, 8.30 am, or 8.45 am, depending on the group your child is enrolled in. Children not continuing in the Extended Hours Kindy program must be collected at the end of their enrolled program's session (2.23 pm, 2.38 pm, or 2.53 pm).

Children enrolled in the Extended Hours Kindy program can stay up until 6:15 pm.

What is the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)?

Families with children enrolled at C&K Calamvale in 2022 (Core Kindy program and Extended Hours Kindy program) can apply for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to reduce their out-of-pocket fee.

CCS is a Federal Government fee assistance program to help families with the costs of childcare. The amount of CCS you are eligible to receive depends on your circumstances, including your family's estimated income and the hours of activity you and/or your partner do.

You can check your eligibility for CCS here. If eligible, C&K recommends that all families intending to enrol their child in the Extended Hours Kindy program complete the Child Care Assessment to attain CCS entitlements.

What is the Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS)?

Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) is Queensland government funding designed to help cover the cost of implementing and delivering an approved Kindergarten program. It is funding for the centre, and your C&K centre manages claiming this subsidy. QKFS is only available for the Core Kindy program and eligible-aged children.

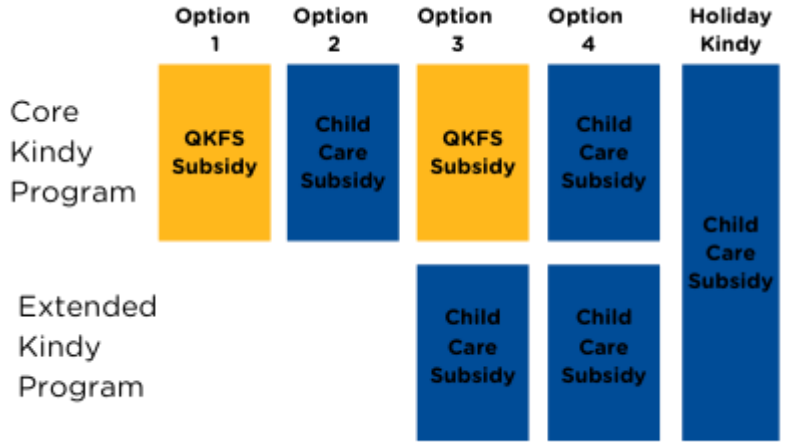
What will the out-of-pocket costs be for the kindergarten program?

The fees for 2022 across C&K centres will be set following a review later in the year. You can choose which subsidy you'd like to receive (CCS or QKFS) or a combination of both to reduce your out-of-pocket fees.

Enrolments for the Core Kindy program can attract the QKFS or CCS subsidy if the family is eligible. Some families may be better off claiming CCS, and others may be better off with the QKFS subsidy.

For 2021, the fees for the Core Kindy program at C&K Calamvale were $46.40 through QKFS. For the optional Extended Hours and Holiday Kindy programs, we can advise that in other centres offering hours to 6.15 pm, the fee currently ranges from $110 to $120 per day (before subsidy application). Families eligible to claim the CCS will see a reduction of daily fees depending on their circumstances and eligible CCS percentage. The decrease in fees can reach up to 85% of the daily fee.

Children booked into the Extended Hours Kindy program can have both subsidy types applied. Please refer to the below table:



Child Care Subsidy (CCS): All children enrolled may be eligible for CCS. C&K recommends that all families complete their Child Care Assessment to attain CCS entitlements before deciding which subsidy to claim. The gap fee under CCS will differ depending on a family's CCS entitlement. CCS is available on all programs if the family is eligible.

Families assessed as eligible for 0 or 24 CCS hours a fortnight may be entitled to the Preschool Exemption, which offers support for preschool-aged children to attend a preschool program.

QKFS Subsidy: Only eligible-aged children claiming QKFS at the centre can pick the QKFS Subsidy. Choosing QKFS is an alternative for families who are not eligible for CCS or are eligible for the QKFS Plus Kindy Support subsidy. The QKFS Subsidy is only available for the Core Kindergarten program.

You will need to advise C&K of which type of subsidy you would like to claim.

Are there additional fees to attend Extended Hours Kindy and/or Holiday Kindy?

Yes, there will be additional fees.

We are currently in the process of applying to be approved for CCS. Once this has been finalised, you will be entitled to claim CCS for the applicable sessions. If eligible for CCS, the fees for these programs will have the subsidy applied, therefore, reducing the out-of-pocket fee. If you have been assessed for CCS and know your CCS percentage and CCS hours, let us know, and we can provide a quote (kindy@candk.asn.au).

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How to enrol your child in the Extended Hours Kindy and/or Holiday Kindy program?

Extended Hours Kindy and Holiday Kindy are optional.

To enrol your child in the Extended Hours Kindy and/or Holiday Kindy programs, your child first needs to be enrolled at C&K Calamvale. In the coming weeks, we will be sending families whose children are enrolled in 2022 a form to complete if they would like their child to attend the Extended Hours Kindy program and/or the Holiday Kindy program.

Once confirmed, your child's enrolment will be current for the entire kindergarten year. If you no longer want your child to attend Extended Hours Kindy and/or Holiday Kindy, please provide us with two weeks' notice to cancel your child's enrolment in these programs.