

# 2026 Fee and Levy Schedule

## Preschool and Nature Explorer Programs

**FINAL**

Preschool and Nature Explorers 2026	
Enrolment Fee	\$230 a year

### ***Start Strong Fee Relief for Community Preschools program:***

In the 2026 school year, the NSW Government is again providing fee relief, with a slight increase of \$2.73 from last year, to families through the 'Start Strong Fee Relief for Community Preschools' initiative as part of the Early Years Commitment.

Families with children who are at least 3 years old on or before 31 July 2026 and who are enrolled in an eligible community or mobile preschool service **may** save up to \$4,456 per year for the 41-weeks in the 2026 school year . This equates to \$108.68 per week reduction in weekly fees.

### **How the NSW Fee Relief works:**

- The funding for your child's fee relief will be provided to our Service, directly from the NSW Government, and we will pass this fee relief on to you as a reduction to our ***normal fees and levies*** outlined below.
- If your child will be attending another service provider that offers fee relief (another community preschool or a long day care service), **you will need to choose which service provider you would like to receive fee relief from**, as you can **only receive fee relief from one (1) service provider**. You will need to fill out declaration and consent forms at each service your child attends.
- The fee relief will be evenly allocated to you across the 2026 calendar year.

Please see the Start Strong for Community Preschools - Letter to Parents found on the OWNA App for more information as well as the NSW Fee Relief - FAQs, also on OWNA. Go to OWNA under Centre>Documents>NSW Start Strong Fee Relief Initiative

When the Start Strong for Community Preschools Fee Relief initiative goes into effect in the 2026 school year, families in our Preschool and Nature Explorer programs will pay the following amount, depending on which service provider you have allocated your Fee Relief to.

### **HOW TO READ THE TABLE BELOW:**

#### **Step 1:**

Decide if your child falls in Equity or Non-Equity bracket based on the criterias outlined below

#### **Step 2:**

Decide if you will allocate your NSW Fee Relief to Pottsville Community Preschool or another service provider

#### **Step 3:**

Decide if your child will attend our service 2 days a week or 3 days a week

# What will you pay in 2026?

Pottsville Preschool  
selected for funding

Another service provider  
selected for funding  
Full fees and levies apply

## Equity

	Weekly Fees Payable (Including daily fees and levies)		Weekly Fees Payable (Including daily fees and levies)
<b>2 Days <span style="color: red;">Preschool</span> Or <span style="color: red;">Nature Explorers</span></b>  <b>Equity Fees</b>	<b>\$0/week</b>	<b>2 Days <span style="color: red;">Preschool</span> Or <span style="color: red;">Nature Explorers</span></b>  <b>Equity Fees</b>	<b>\$85.48/week</b>
<b>3 Days (Preschool &amp; <span style="color: red;">Nature Explorers</span> Wednesday or <span style="color: red;">Masterclass</span>)</b>  <b>Equity Fees</b>	<b>\$21.80/week</b>	<b>3 Days (Preschool &amp; <span style="color: red;">Nature Explorers</span> Wednesday or <span style="color: red;">Masterclass</span>)</b>  <b>Equity Fees</b>	<b>\$130.48/week</b>

“Equity” means:

1. Families who have provided us with a current **Health Care Card, Pension or Veterans Concession Card issued by Centrelink.**
2. Families with an enrolled child who identifies as **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.**
3. Children with **an eligible diagnosed disability.**

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**Non-Equity**

	Weekly Fees Payable (Including daily fees and levies)		Weekly Fees Payable (Including daily fees and levies)
<b>2 Days Preschool Or Nature Explorers Non-Equity Fees</b>	<b>\$20.40/week</b>	<b>2 Days Preschool Or Nature Explorers Non-Equity Fees</b>	<b>\$129.08/week</b>
<b>3 Days (Preschool &amp; Nature Explorers Wednesday or Masterclass) Non-Equity Fees</b>	<b>\$65.40/week</b>	<b>3 Days (Preschool &amp; Nature Explorers Wednesday or Masterclass) Non-Equity Fees</b>	<b>\$174.08/week</b>

*NB: These calculations include the **daily fees and term levies** minus the **fee relief funding** if applicable and are presented as a weekly out of pocket fee for families.*

**Additional Note: Enrolment charge, daily fees, and levies are subject to change if funding conditions by the NSW Department of Education changes.**

- Enrolment Fee for all children** is \$230.00 per child. This cost will need to be paid upfront to secure your child's enrolment. **This amount is non-refundable.**
- Preschool Main Funding:** The Preschool is funded for children who are 4 years old in the year before primary school; or 3-year-olds who turn 4 by the 31 of July. The preschool receives additional funding for those who are from low-income families (health care/pension card); have additional needs or who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- School Development Days:** We follow NSW School Development Days, and families will be charged for these days.
- Unenrolment:** If you no longer require a place for your child/ren, refunds of daily fees, and levies will be given on a pro-rata basis, when a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice is given.
- Term Fees/Levies & Invoices:** The Preschool will send out invoices to families on a **termly basis**, which can be viewed on the OWNA Childcare Management App. Fees and levies will be automatically deducted from the family's chosen payment method as provided in the OWNA Childcare Management App on a **fortnightly basis**. A deduction schedule will be provided to all families before direct debits take place. Your child's place will need to be paid for even if your child misses a day(s) (i.e.: family holidays, head lice, infectious disease - see our Preschool Policies on OWNA for details).

Pottsville Community Preschool is a non-profit community-based preschool and is licensed and **partially** funded by the NSW Department of Education. All our income i.e. your levies, fees, and fundraising activities are essential to cover operating costs such as insurances, educator wages, supplies and equipment, maintenance and services, educator training, auditing of financial books, etc. that ultimately benefit your child.

***Failure to pay the enrolment charge will result in the cancellation of your child's enrolment at the Preschool (refer Pottsville Community Preschool Payment of Fees Policy.)***

***Failure to pay your child's term fees and levies will automatically start our Outstanding Fee Collection Procedure where an external agency is contracted to garner the outstanding fees. Any costs associated with this procedure will be placed onto the outstanding debt and paid by the family.***