

Scotland Island & Offshore Children's Services Association

Fee Schedule For 2006 and Child Care Benefit News January 2006 Release

The childcare centre on Scotland Island is under going registration as a Long Day Care Centre.

This means that it will open on 31st January and operate 8 hours a day (8.30 am to 4.30pm),
48 weeks a year, and will be registered for Child Care Benefit (CCB).

It is anticipated that the centre will be registered for Child Care Benefit within one to two months of opening.

It will also go through the NCAC national accreditation and quality assurance programme,
which means that parents can be guaranteed that their children will be receiving top quality care,
which is regularly audited by an independent government recognised central body.

Prior to successful CCB registration it is intended that the fundraising efforts of the offshore community be
used to subsidise the daily rates to \$48 per day, regardless of the age of the child. This figure represents
just a \$3 increase for an additional 2 hours a day, compared to the previous fee structure under KU.

The fundraising pool however is not limitless, and once the CCB is approved the rates will go up to
\$55 per day for 3 – 5 year olds, and \$57 per day for 2 year olds. This is inline with other centres
on the mainland, and cheaper, when the ferry rides are taken into consideration. See the table below: -

Local Area Child Care Services Survey January 2006											
Centre	Town	Open	Close	After School Care	2yr	3yr	4yr	5yr	Plus 2 Ferry Rides	3-5 Yr Total (Inc 2 Ferry Rides)	Parents provide
Newport Kindergarten	Newport	7.00	6.30	N/a	\$65.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$7.69	\$68.69	nappies, bottles, linen, water bottle, hat
Bindbook	Terry Hills	8.00	6.00	N/a	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$7.69	\$65.69	bed linen, nappies, lunch, morning tea, afternoon tea
ABC	Warriewood	7.30	5.45	N/a	\$64.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$7.69	\$65.69	
Jack & Jill	Mona Vale	8.00	5.30	N/a	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$7.69	\$63.69	morning tea, lunch, nappies
Our Little Friend	Narabeen	7.30	5.45	N/a	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$7.69	\$62.69	nappies, piece of fruit
Owl & Pussy	Collaroy	7.30	6.00	N/a	?	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$7.69	\$62.69	nappies
Scotland Island Centre	Scotland Island	8.30	4.30	Available term 2	\$57.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00		\$55.00	bed linen, nappies, lunch, morning tea, afternoon tea
Kids College	Collaroy	7.30	6.00	N/a	\$58.00	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$7.69	\$61.69	
Mona Vale Kindergarten	Mona Vale	7.00	6.00	N/a	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$7.69	\$61.69	water, nappies
Bear N Joey	Avalon	8.00	5.30	N/a	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$7.69	\$59.69	morning tea, bottles & nappies
Vineyard	Mona Vale	7.30	6.00	N/a	\$58.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$7.69	\$59.69	
Narabeen Childrens Centre	Narabeen	7.45	5.45	N/a	\$57.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$7.69	\$57.69	Full this year, wait list for next year, need to bring fruit, linen
The Kindy Child Care Centre	Avalon	8.00	4.00	N/a	n/a	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$7.69	\$57.69	morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea

The amount of benefit each family receives under CCB varies according to the total family income.
Below is a table showing the typical rebates for a \$55 a day fee.

Daily fee of \$55.00 per day*

Parents combined income	% deduction	CCB deduction	Actual cost up front to parents Includes CCB deduction	30% rebate deduction	Actual cost to parents with 30% rebate and CCB deductions
\$96,000 pa or above	16.77%	\$4.25	\$50.75	\$15.23	\$35.53
\$78,00 pa	40%	\$10.08	\$44.92	\$13.48	\$31.44
\$63,000 pa	60%	\$15.22	\$39.78	\$11.93	\$27.85
\$48,000 pa	80%	\$20.30	\$34.71	\$10.41	\$24.30
\$33,360 pa	100%	\$25.36	\$29.64	\$8.89	\$20.75

* Figures based on tables provided by Pittwater Council Jan '06

We hope you will agree that the new service offers vastly improved value for money,
under the previous system the centre offered just 6 hours a day for \$45 with no CCB.

In addition you can now feel confident in the knowledge that your children will be receiving government recognised, top quality care, for longer hours, in their local environment, with their island friends.

We look forward to seeing you and your children at the centre in 2006.