

2024 Fees & Charges

Fees Statements are issued to families at the start/middle/end of each School Term. Payments can be made by bank transfer, or by EFTPOS by ringing our Canberra office on 02 6230 6776 (1.5% surcharge).

Preschool

- Short Day (9am-3pm): \$96.00 per day
- Full Day (8am-6pm, except Wed 8-5pm): \$144.00 per day
- Course Materials: \$130.00 per student per term

Your enrolment is a permanent booking for the whole year, during school terms.

Primary School (K-Year 2)

- Annual Tuition Fees: \$9,180 per annum (\$2,295 per term)
- Course Materials: \$300 per student per term

External Specialists/Excursions/Outdoor Education: costs vary each term, so families are charged the extra cost separately.

After-School Care (3-6pm) – Primary

- Permanent Booking \$39 per session
- Casual Booking (*subject to availability*) \$42 per session

School Holidays Program – Preschool & Primary

School Holidays Bookings are optional; you may request different days/times from your term booking. Limited places, so subject to availability. The January 2024 School Holiday Bookings are available only for students continuing with us in 2024.

- Short Day (9am-3pm): \$96.00 per day
- Full Day (8am to 6pm, except Wed 8-5): \$144.00 per day

Additional Charges – Preschool & Primary

- A deposit of \$1,755 (K-2 or 5 Day Preschool) or \$1,055 (2/3 Day Preschool) must be paid to secure a 2024 enrolment offered by Blue Gum.
- \$50 of the Acceptance Deposit is retained as Administration Processing Fee, the remainder acts as a credit towards future fees on the student account.
- Specialist Programs, e.g. art, music, sport: costs vary each term, actual cost charged
- Working Bee Levy – \$110 per family per year (\$55 credit per Working Bee attended – max. 2)
- Tax-Deductible Donation (voluntary) – \$125 per family per term/\$500 per year*

*Please note that donations to the Building/Library Fund of \$2 or more are tax-deductible in Australia

Child Care Subsidy – Preschool, After-School Care, School Holidays Program

Eligible families may apply for Child Care Subsidy via a Centrelink online account.

Blue Gum is an **Approved** Service (not a Registered Service).

Early/Late Arrivals

Students must arrive/depart within their booked times, or an Early/Late Fee is payable.

Students on the premises after our closing time incur a **\$60 Late Pick-up Fee**. Repeat late-comers will be given an earlier pick-up deadline.

Late Payment of Fees

A \$140 Late Payment Fee may be added to accounts not paid in accordance with a family's Fees/Extras Payment Undertaking, i.e. one lump sum payment by Week 2 each term, or 4 equal instalments in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 each term.

Understandings

As part of the Application for Enrolment, Parents/Carers are asked to confirm their understanding and acceptance of the following:

- Our family agrees to follow, and accept our responsibilities under, the Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures established by Blue Gum Community School from time to time, in relation to our child's enrolment. We understand that if families break this agreement, e.g. through non-payment of fees; or by making the program unworkable e.g. harassing/bullying students/staff/other families - our family's enrolment can be terminated.
- FOR PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS - We understand that we are enrolling our child, and committing financially, for our booked place until the end of Blue Gum's Preschool year. We understand that our child's place is tied to the days booked during each Preschool Term. Any request to vary our ongoing booking constitutes a fresh request for a different booking, which cannot be assumed nor guaranteed, and involves forfeiting the place accepted.
- FOR PRIMARY ENROLMENTS - We understand that we are enrolling our child, and committing financially, for our booked place until the end of Blue Gum's school year. We will also pay promptly for any After School and School Holidays' bookings we make.
- We understand that prior to attending the Preschool or After-School/School Holiday Programs, families will need to register with Services Australia/Centrelink online, to qualify for the Child Care Subsidy. We understand that we need to notify the School of our child's CRN along with the name and CRN of the parent/carer under which we are claiming the CCS.
- We understand that Fees Statements are issued to families by email, at the start/middle and end of each school term, and that there will be separate statements for the Preschool Fees, Primary Fees and BGOSH Fees. As such, we understand we may receive up to 3 different statements.
- We agree to pay promptly each Term's fees plus any other fees/charges incurred by us. We understand that a Late Fee will be added to any accounts not paid in accordance with the School's Enrolment Policy, as an administration charge.
- We understand that non-payment may incur further costs e.g. debt collection/legal costs. We understand that our child's place will be cancelled, if fees are owing at the end of Term, unless a payment schedule has been negotiated in writing with Blue Gum and is adhered to.
- We undertake to notify Blue Gum Community School immediately of any changes to our child's enrolment details, or our family's contact details, or of any other circumstances relevant to our child's enrolment, including changes to the emergency contacts listed.
- By signing this Enrolment Form, we understand that we are reserving a place, so are now making a commitment to pay the full Term's fees, whether or not our child attends.
- We understand that we can cancel our child's enrolment for subsequent Terms (and avoid paying fees for those Terms), by giving Blue Gum one Term's (10 school weeks) written notice. If this written notice is not given, each Term's fees are payable, and we accept liability for Preschool/School fees and charges until the end of the Preschool/School year.
- We understand initial enrolment for our child is not finalised until the Acceptance Fees Deposit is paid and the Enrolment Form is signed by all parties. We recognise that the Acceptance Fees Deposit is a **non-refundable deposit** and is charged to reserve our child's enrolment place in the upcoming year. We understand this deposit (less an enrolment administration charge of \$55) is credited against future fees for the place being secured (or refunded in full if no place is available initially). We accept that the deposit is not refunded if we fail to take up the enrolment place it secures, nor can we use this annual deposit to pay overdue fees/charges.
- The Parents /Carers identified in the Enrolment Form agree to accept joint and individual responsibility for payment of accounts. If more than one Parent/Carer is listed, both must sign the Enrolment Form.