



Dear Families, Parents and Guardians,

As you know Adventure Patch is a community organisation committed to providing the highest standard of care for the children in our care. Through ongoing investment in our programs and facilities, we are able to provide rich and stimulating child focused experiences.

During the last 18 months we have:

- Enhanced our Adventure Program for the benefit of all children at our services with the addition of a full time Adventure Coordinator.
- Invested in the development of our team through external training, a dedicated internal learning and development team and the inaugural Inspiring Adventure conference.
- Continued to pay our team above award to ensure we attract and retain the best available people.
- Increased the skill level of our team by appointing more people with higher qualifications.
- Continued to improve our facilities at all locations, with building works at Kingston Outside School Hours Care and development of the outdoor environment at Ocean View the highlights.
- Ensured continuity of care for families using Mountain View and St Aloysius Outside School Hours Care despite extensive flood damage to those buildings.

During the same 18 month period, there has not been an increase in fees. It is now time to review those fees for 2020. The following table outlines the fees that will come into effect from the beginning of the school year.

Service	New fees	Commencing
Outside School Hours Care	Before School Care - \$16 After School Care - \$32 Vacation Care: \$65 for 'IN' days and \$75 for excursion days *Casual fees will continue to be an additional \$5 to above rates **Kinder long day (BBOSHC only) \$44	Wednesday 5 th February (BBOSHC, IOSHC, NTOSHC, KOSHC) Thursday 6 th February (SAOSHC)
Long Day Care	Full day \$98 Half Day \$58 New: weekly rate for children in full time care \$490 based on 50 hours in care (which will reduce the gap payment for most families- see the attached sheet for some examples)	Mountain View and Ocean View: Wednesday 5 th February

Absences will continue to be charged at 75% where a minimum of two weeks' notice is provided. Absences with less than two weeks' notice will be charged at 100%.

These new fees will ensure the sustainability of Adventure Patch and allow us to provide the highest quality care to the children in our community through 2020 and beyond. For most families, the increase in out of pocket expense will be smaller than the full fee increase amount because of the CCS subsidy. Please refer to the attached sheet for some examples.

We do understand that any increase can be challenging for families, however our focus is on providing a sustainable and high quality service for the children of our community.

If you have any questions about the impact of these changes on your fees, please contact Sam O'Brien at sam.obrien@adventurepatch.org.au

To discuss any concerns, or if these changes will cause any difficulty for you, please contact me at simon.thiessen@adventurepatch.org.au or on 6135 4353.

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Long Day Care Examples

Example 1:

The Family A have 2 children who attend Ocean View 6 days per fortnight. The family are entitled to a CCS percentage of approximately 80% and 100 hours of subsidised care.

The family's out of pocket expenses:

- 2019: \$216.00 per fortnight
- 2020: \$235.20 per fortnight

This results in an increase of approximately \$19.20 per fortnight.

Example 2:

The Family B have 2 children who attend Mountain View 6 days per fortnight. The family are entitled to a CCS percentage of approximately 75% and 100 hours of subsidised care.

The family's out of pocket expenses:

- 2019: \$270.00 per fortnight
- 2020: \$297.00 per fortnight

This results in an increase of approximately \$24.00 per fortnight.

Example 3:

The Family C have 2 children attending Ocean View 6 days per fortnight. The family are entitled to a CCS percentage of approximately 60% and 100 hours of subsidised care:

The family's out of pocket expenses:

- 2019: \$288.00 per fortnight
- 2020: \$313.60 per fortnight

Resulting in an increase of approximately \$25.60 per fortnight.



Outside School Hours Care Examples:*Example 1:*

The Family D have 2 children who attend New Town Outside School Hours Care 4 days per fortnight for both before and after school care sessions. The family are entitled to a CCS percentage of approximately 80% and 50 hours of subsidised care.

The family's out of pocket expenses:

- 2019: \$70.40 per fortnight
- 2020: \$76.80 per fortnight

This results in an increase of approximately \$6.40 per fortnight.

Example 2:

The Family E have 2 children who attend Kingston Outside School Hours Care 4 days per fortnight for both before and after school care sessions. The family are entitled to a CCS percentage of approximately 75% and 50 hours of subsidised care.

The family's out of pocket expenses:

- 2019: \$88.00 per fortnight
- 2020: \$96.00 per fortnight

This results in an increase of approximately \$8.00 per fortnight.

Example 3:

The Family F have 2 children who attend Blackmans Bay Outside School Hours Care 4 days per fortnight for both before and after school care sessions. The family are entitled to a CCS percentage of approximately 60% and 50 hours of subsidised care.

The family's out of pocket expenses:

- 2019: \$140.80 per fortnight
- 2020: \$153.60 per fortnight

This results in an increase of approximately \$12.80 per fortnight.



Long Day Care Weekly Examples:

The Government allow up to a maximum of 100 hour of subsidised care to be claimed per fortnight per child (subject to the Government Activity Test). In 2019, 10 days of childcare meant families would be charged 10 hours of non-subsidised care (11 hour sessions x 10 days= 110 hours of care) meaning for those 10 hours of care, 100% of the scheduled fee would be charged to families.

Example 1:

The Family G have 2 children who attend Ocean View 10 days per fortnight. The family are entitled to a CCS percentage of 82% and 100 hours of subsidised care.

The family's out of pocket expenses:

- 2019: \$458.18 per fortnight
- 2020: \$352.80 per fortnight

This results in a saving of approximately \$105.38 per fortnight which includes the fee increase for 2020.

Example 2:

The Family H have 2 children who attend Mountain View 10 days per fortnight. The family are entitled to a CCS percentage of 73% and 100 hours of subsidised care.

The family's out of pocket expenses:

- 2019: \$605.45 per fortnight
- 2020: \$529.20 per fortnight

This results in a saving of approximately \$76.25 per fortnight which includes the fee increase for 2020.

