

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE 2026



ABOUT THE ELC

HILLS Early Learning Centre (ELC) located within the peaceful and welcoming grounds of HILLS Christian Community School (HILLS) offers high-quality kindergarten education. As an inclusive and supportive environment, the ELC is designed to help children transition confidently from home into school life.

Enrolment at the ELC can be the beginning of a long-term educational journey at HILLS, which may continue right through to Year 12. ELC sessions are offered Monday - Friday during school terms from 8:45am - 3:15pm, with a modified Sunrise Sunset care program, before and after these times within our long day care setting.

ENROLMENT

- Children can start from 3.5 years of age.
- Enrolments align with school term intakes, depending on availability.
- Parents are encouraged to meet with the ELC Director to discuss their child's individual needs before starting.

ELC SESSION TIMES & FEES				
ELC Session	7:30am - 6:00pm (or part thereof)	\$149.00 per day (before Child Care Subsidy is applied) **		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The ELC is open for 50 weeks of the year, closing for 2 weeks over Christmas New Year.
- A minimum of two full days per week is recommended for your child's learning and care consistency.
- ** A late pick-up fee of \$15 applies for every 15-minute block (or part of) after 6:00pm.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY (CCS)

- HILLS ELC is an approved child care provider.
- Most families are eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS), which reduces daily fees.
- To learn more or to apply, visit: https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/online-help/centrelink/claim-child-care-subsidy

SAMPLE OF REBATES BELOW BASED ON INCOME

NET FAMILY INCOME (PER ANNUM)	NET DAILY AMOUNT PAYABLE	NET FAMILY INCOME (PER ANNUM)	NET DAILY AMOUNT PAYABLE
\$85,300	\$14.90	\$185,300	\$44.70
\$110,300	\$22.36	\$285,300	\$74.50
\$135,300	\$29.80	\$360,300	\$96.85

PLACEMENT PRIORITY

- If more families apply than places are available, enrolment will be prioritised using the Australian Government's Priority of Access Guidelines.
- Details will be provided during the enrolment process.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Our educational program offers high-quality play-based, inquiry learning guided by the Early Years Learning Framework: Being, Belonging and Becoming, and informed by Reggio Emilia Principles, and Nature Pedagogy. This high quality program is guided by the Early Years Learning Framework: Being, Belonging and Becoming, and incorporates Reggio Emilia Principles and Nature Pedagogy.



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SUNRISE | SUNSET CARE

Sunrise Care: 7.30am to 8.45amSunset Care: 3:15pm to 6:00pm

This program provides care outside of our educational program to support family schedules. Care bookings are essential to ensure the centre remains compliant with adequate staffing to meet ratios. Late bookings for Sunrise Sunset Care may incur a late fee.

FOR REGULAR CARE BOOKINGS

 Please arrange regular term times Sunrise or Sunset Care directly with the ELC Director.

FOR CASUAL CARE BOOKINGS

- Term time.
- Bookings must be made at least 48 hours in advance.
- Email: <u>elc@hccs.sa.edu.au</u>
- Include in your email:
 - The date care is required.
 - Whether you need Sunrise or Sunset Care.
 - The estimated drop-off or pick-up time.
- A \$15 admin fee applies to casual session bookings made with less than 48 hours notice.



ELC VACATION CARE PROGRAM

AVAILABILITY

- Run by ELC staff and separate from the school's OSHC service.
- Vacation Care requires separate bookings from term-time care.
- All booking information is provided to families by Week 5 of the proceeding term.

VACATION CARE FEE STRUCTURE IS AS FOLLOWS Vacation Care (all inclusive) 7.30am – 6.00pm (or part thereof) \$149.00

CONTACT DETAILS

GENERAL ENQUIRIES & ENROLMENT PACKS

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