



PARENT INFORMATION PACK



Ashley Park
Primary School

BEFORE CARE | AFTER CARE | HOLIDAY CARE

YOUR BIG CENTRE

CONTACT DETAILS

Centre Manager	Stay tuned....
Centre Mobile	0401 819 853
Centre Manager Email	ashleypark@bigchildcare.com

OPERATING TIMES

Before School Care	6.30am to 8.45am
After School Care	3.30pm to 6.30pm
Curriculum Day Care	6.30am to 6.30pm
Holiday Care	7.00am to 6.00pm

SESSION FEES

Before School Care*	\$22.00
After School Care*	\$25.00
Holiday Care	Starting at \$65.00 for incursions plus and activity fee for excursions.

THESE FEES DO NOT REFLECT THE DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES THROUGH THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY VIA CENTRELINK SO THAT THE ACTUAL FEE PAYABLE MAY BE LOWER, DEPENDING ON AN INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES' CIRCUMSTANCES.

CONTACT US



Head Office 03 8682 9400



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A BIG WELCOME

Big Childcare Pty Ltd is a part of the exciting Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) industry. The directors are Ted and Sian Hatzakortzian, both of whom are highly experienced in Before School, After School and Holiday Care. Ted has been involved in the industry for over 15 years. Sian is a qualified teacher who also holds a Bachelor of Business. We are delighted to partner with your school!



OUR VISION

Big Childcare is a leader in the OSHC Industry; our team is professional, experienced, nurturing and committed to providing a supportive and transparent environment for families, where their feedback and support is highly valued. We provide exceptional quality Before School, After School and Holiday Care, for school-aged children which meets the health, safety and wellbeing needs of the children and families in the community. We believe in making our programs engaging, diverse, physically active and fun, where children's learning can be scaffolded, so that they reach their full potential. Through these experiences children will develop a range of lifelong skills including building on their social and emotional wellbeing.

Children are valued and respected as individuals and central to our programs. The programs we offer are developed in conjunction with educators, schools, the community, children and families. They are critically reflected upon and evaluated to ensure we are providing positive experiences that are age-appropriate and extend on the needs of every child.

OUR **big** VALUES[®]

CHILDCARE



"It's easy to make decisions when you know what your values are"
Roy E Disney

HOW TO ENROL?

Enrolling your child in our program is easy. Please see the options and steps below.

OPTION 1 - Traditional Paper Enrolment Form



Paper enrolment forms are available from our centres (which can also be downloaded from our website) and need to be filled out completely (along with providing Big Childcare with a copy of your child/ren's immunisation details) to have a valid enrolment. This method is great for those who do not have internet or computer access.

OPTION 2 - Online Electronic Enrolment



This is the quickest and easiest way to enrol for Big Childcare.

1. Go to www.bigchildcare.com and click on 'Online Enrolments'
2. For NEW families to My Family Lounge (MFL), click on the REGISTER button on the right. You will then be taken through the process.

Note: For EXISTING MFL members, please skip this step and go to step 3, below.

3. Log into your MFL account and tell us about you, your child and what bookings you are after, so that we can help you.
4. Once you have completed and submitted your enrolment form via the MFL portal you will be able to make bookings. If you have requested permanent bookings, we will come back to you within 48 hours and advise if we have a spot. We will then ask you to accept the offer.
5. Whether you are a new or existing family, it is really important to submit your child's immunisation forms and any medical management plans or court orders. This completes the enrolment and is required by the Australian Government. Without it, you will not be able to book your child into our program. This can be done by scanning and submitting a copy online as an attachment to your enrolment, or by handing a copy to your Centre Manager.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to our educators based at your school, check out our website www.bigchildcare.com or call our friendly Head Office staff on 03 8682 9400.



BIG SAVINGS FOR YOU

What is the Child Care Subsidy?

The government offers financial assistance to families who require child care known as the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Three things will determine a family's level of CCS available:

1. Combined family income
2. Activity level of parents
3. Type of child care service



Some basic requirements must be satisfied for an individual to be eligible to receive CCS for a child. These include:

- the age of the child (must be 13 years or under and not attending secondary school)
- the child meeting immunisation requirements
- the individual, or their partner, meeting residency requirements.

You can estimate what your subsidy might be by using the below online estimator. <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>

Important to Note

All families are encouraged to set up a MyGov account as this is an avenue used to confirm all bookings/enrolments into the OSHC service. **Once your enrolment has been processed by our Enrolments Team you will be asked to log into your MyGov account (Centrelink section) to confirm your CCS enrolment with Big Childcare.** If you are entitled, CCS is paid directly to services – in your case Big Childcare.

COVID-19 Update as at May 2020

Until we are notified by the government, it is important for you to know that Big Childcare will not be charging fees to families that need to send their children to OSHC. In line with the recent announcement from the Morrison Government, around one million families will receive free care during the coronavirus pandemic. This means that from week beginning 6 April 2020 until the week ending 28 June 2020 (with a potential further three months extension), parents will be able to send their children for free to any Big Childcare service. We will keep families updated.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q What can I expect from Big Childcare?

A You can expect a professional, caring and safe environment at Big Childcare programs. Our educators are friendly and love working with children by getting to know each child individually. All our educators have Working With Children Checks and relevant industry qualifications. We have first aid qualified staff on hand at every centre. We value our relationships with families, children and the school and like to help out with school events wherever we can.

Q What sort of experience will my child be involved in?

A Our activities are based on the current framework for primary aged children called 'My Time, Our Place' which encourages our managers to plan experiences around the individual needs and interests of each child. Our activities involve craft, cooking, sport activities, indoor/outdoor play, community linked visits and much more. We strive to develop the social and emotional capacity and lifelong skills in children, that will give them an advantage amongst their peers.

Q Will my child be given meals/snacks?

A Breakfast will be provided for children who arrive before 8.00am. We have a variety of cereals, breads and spreads on offer as well as special mornings, featuring pancakes, eggs etc. In our After School Care program, we base our food choices on the nutritional needs of the children, as well as their individual medical conditions (allergies) and likes/dislikes. Children get to have a big say as to what's on the menu planner!

Q What have you put in place to ensure the safety of my child during COVID-19?

- All staff, children and visitors are advised to wash their hands regularly with soap for at least 20 seconds, every 30 minutes.
- Increased cleaning and sanitisation of our services especially high-touch areas like door handles etc.
- Additional hand sanitisers and supplies have been ordered for our services.
- We are requiring increased awareness and vigilance from staff. Avoid unnecessary contact with others, such as handshaking.
- Education of children around physical distancing measures.



Q How are payments processed?

A Statements are sent via email to families every week before Direct Debit payments are processed. These are processed one week in advance from the bank account nominated by the family, using Debitsuccess.

Q Are there any Direct Debit Surcharge Fees?

- There is a once off charge for initial direct debit charged by Debitsuccess known as an Admin Fee of \$2.20
- For direct debits, a dishonor fee is charged if a payment is declined. This is charged by Debitsuccess, not Big Childcare at \$14.95.
- There is a surcharge fee per transaction per bank account of \$0.88
- There are surcharge fees for Visa/Mastercard transactions at 2.35%, per transaction.

Q Do you charge late pick-up fees?

A Yes we do, to cover the additional costs related to staffing. We charge \$15 per fifteen minutes or part thereof if you collect your child after our closing time however, special circumstances are always taken into consideration.

Q Will I get charged if I cancel permanent bookings?

A A cancellation/notification of absence made with more than 48 hours' notice, will not incur the session fee. Notification of an absence made with less than 48 hours' notice, will not incur the session fee, if a medical certificate is provided. All other cancellations with notification of an absence made with less than 48 hours' notice, will incur the session fee.

Holiday Care booking payments cannot be refunded.

Please be assured that special circumstances are always taken into consideration.

PREPS



Preps can understandably feel very overwhelmed when they start the school journey, so we believe they should get extra special attention as they settle into their day-to-day school routines.

Our VIP Prep Program is designed to provide a range of supportive measures for new preps and their families. We allocate a VIP Prep Educator during the Summer holiday program and the first few weeks of Term 1, to implement the tools required to support successful transitions for our VIP Prep children. The main role of the VIP Educators is to provide a welcoming environment for the Prep children and their families.



HOW TO ENROL AND BOOK WITH US

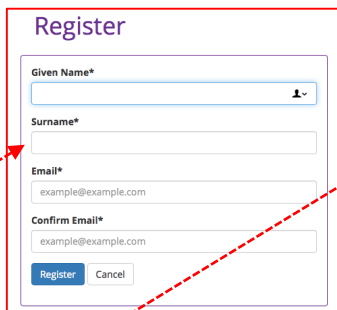


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PART 1 - STEP BY STEP 'ENROLMENT' ONLINE

STEP 1

- Please visit www.bigchildcare.com and go to tab – 'How to Enrol'
- Click Option 1 – 'Create a My Family Lounge Account' and enter the requested details
- Check your email and click on 'Complete Registration'.
- Complete your registration by choosing your password



Register

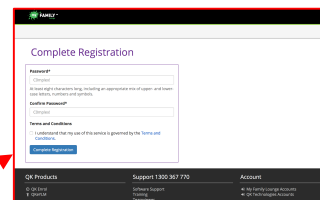
Given Name*

Surname*

Email*

Confirm Email*

Register Cancel

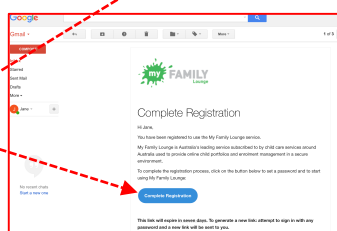


Complete Registration

Account

Terms and Conditions

Complete Registration



Complete Registration

Hi Jane,

You have just registered for use of the My Family Lounge service.

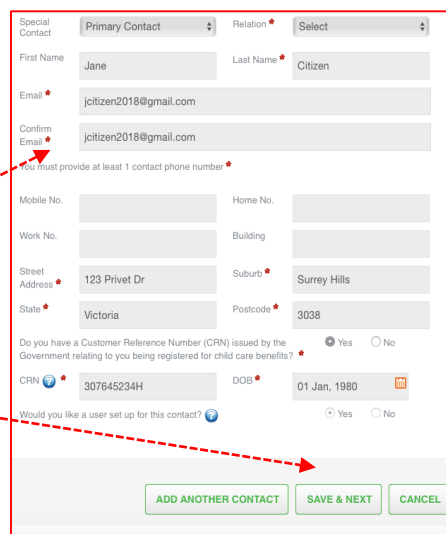
My Family Lounge is a secure online service available to all child care services around Australia used to provide online child portfolio and enrolment management in a secure environment.

To complete the registration process, click on the button below to set a password and to start complete Family Lounge.

Complete Registration

STEP 2

- Log on to 'My Family Lounge' using your email and password that you just created
- Complete all information marked with * regarding your details
- Click on button 'Save & Next'



Special Contact

Primary Contact

Relation

Select

First Name

Last Name

Citizen

Email

Confirm Email

You must provide at least 1 contact phone number *

Mobile No.

Home No.

Work No.

Building

Street Address

Suburb

Surrey Hills

State

Victoria

Postcode

3038

Do you have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) issued by the Government relating to you being registered for child care benefits?

Yes No

CRN

307645234H

DOB

01 Jan, 1980

Would you like a user set up for this contact?

Yes No

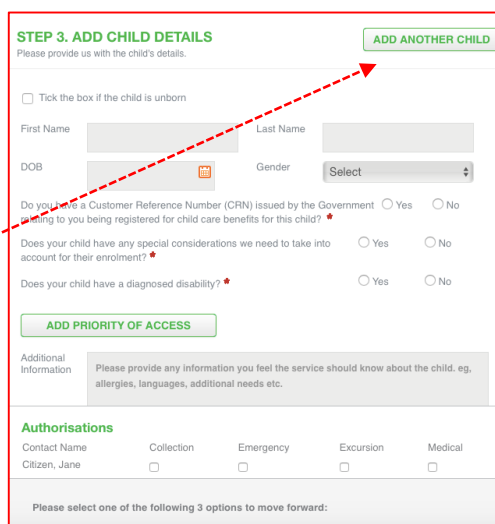
ADD ANOTHER CONTACT

SAVE & NEXT

CANCEL

STEP 3

- Complete all information regarding your child/ren.
- You can also add additional children here.



STEP 3. ADD CHILD DETAILS

Please provide us with the child's details.

ADD ANOTHER CHILD

☐ Tick the box if the child is unborn

First Name

Last Name

DOB

Gender

Select

Do you have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) issued by the Government relating to you being registered for child care benefits for this child?

Yes No

Does your child have any special considerations we need to take into account for their enrolment?

Yes No

Does your child have a diagnosed disability?

Yes No

ADD PRIORITY OF ACCESS

Additional Information

Please provide any information you feel the service should know about the child, eg. allergies, languages, additional needs etc.

Authorisations

Contact Name

Citizen, Jane

Collection

Emergency

Excursion

Medical

Please select one of the following 3 options to move forward:

STEP 4

- a. You MUST only click 'Register account with no waitlist' button

Please select one of the following 3 options to move forward:

I would like to place my child/ren on the waiting list.

I only want to register for casual booking at this time.

I would like to finish registration without saving information which I just entered.

CREATE WAITLIST APPLICATION

REGISTER ACCOUNT WITH NO WAITLIST

CANCEL

STEP 5

- a. You MUST click 'Start Enrolment' and follow the prompts
- b. You will not be able to complete the enrolment unless all required fields are completed

Editing Family: CITIZEN, Jane

CONTACTS

For waitlist, a main myFAMILY contact must be entered as the main point of contact. Additional contacts are optional.

NAME RELATION CONTACT TYPE ADDRESS CONTACT NO. EMAIL USER NAME EDIT

Jane Citizen	Mother	Primary Contact	123 Privet Dr Surrey Hills Victoria 3038	0412345678	jcitizen2018@gmail.com	jcitizen2018@gmail.com	Edit
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CHILD

CHILD NAME STATUS DOB DATE OF BIRTH AGE EDIT DELETE Enrolment information

Sam Citizen	Active	01-05-10	-	7Y 5M	Edit	✖	Start Enrolment
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CASUAL BOOKINGS

Non repeating, instant booking is available for the enrolled children. (The following table shows the summary for the next 30 days)

No records found

OFFER

No records found

STEP 6

- a. Please click 'Submit' once you have completed the enrolment

Main Contacts

Additional Contacts

Medical Contacts

Child Information

Immunisations

Other General Questions

Save&Close Cancel

Save Print

Submit

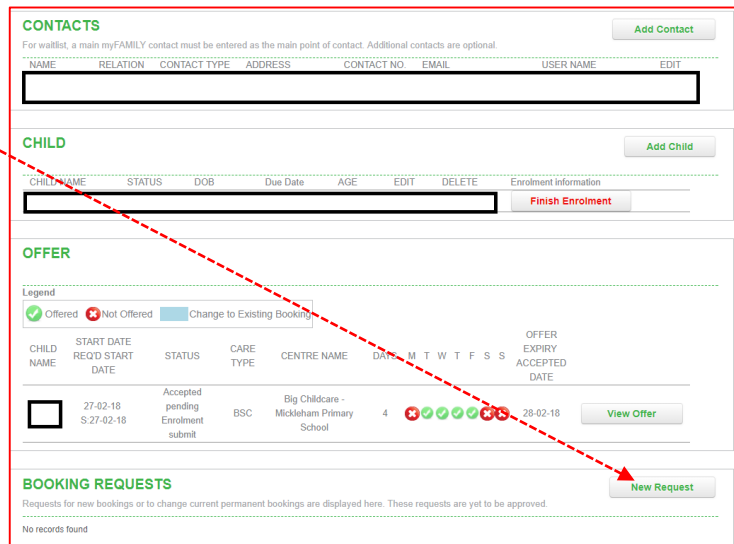
PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR ENROLMENT USING THE ABOVE STEPS.

YOU WILL NOW NEED TO 'BOOK' YOUR CHILD INTO OUR SERVICE.

PART 2 - STEP BY STEP 'BOOKINGS' ONLINE

STEP 1

- a. Click on New Request



CONTACTS
For waitlist, a main myFAMILY contact must be entered as the main point of contact. Additional contacts are optional.

NAME	RELATION	CONTACT TYPE	ADDRESS	CONTACT NO.	EMAIL	USER NAME	EDIT

CHILD

CHILD NAME	STATUS	DOB	Due Date	AGE	EDIT	DELETE	Enrolment information

OFFER

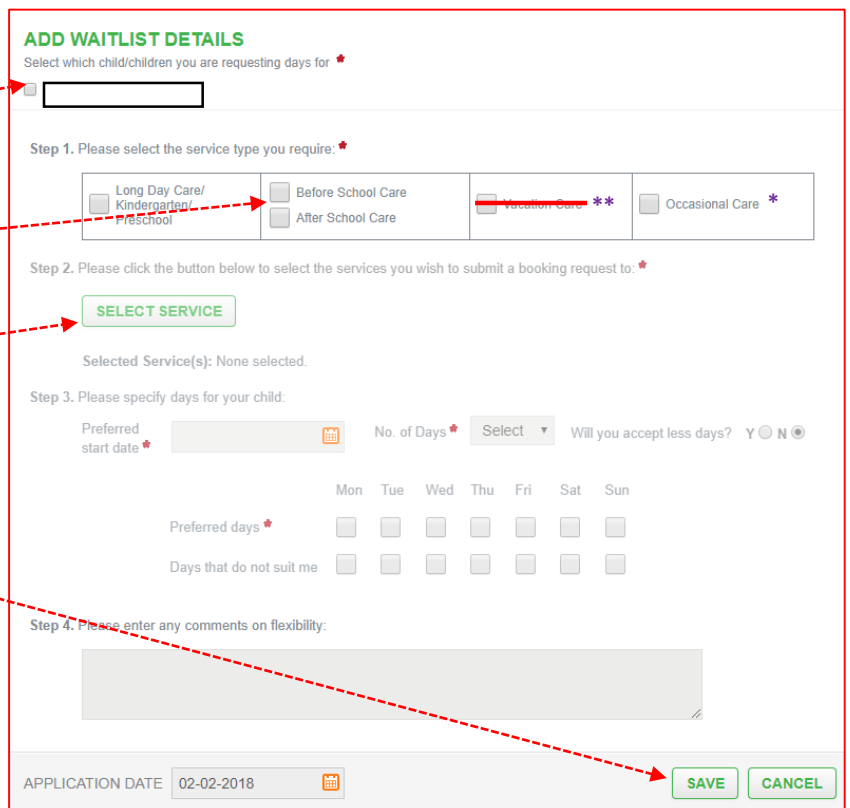
Legend
☒ Offered ☒ Not Offered ☐ Change to Existing Booking

CHILD NAME	START DATE REQ'D START DATE	STATUS	CARE TYPE	CENTRE NAME	DAYS	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	OFFER EXPIRY ACCEPTED DATE	
☐	27-02-18 S:27-02-18	Accepted pending Enrolment submit	BSC	Big Childcare - Mickleham Primary School	4	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	28-02-18	View Offer

BOOKING REQUESTS
Requests for new bookings or to change current permanent bookings are displayed here. These requests are yet to be approved.
No records found

STEP 2

- a. Select your child/ren's name
- b. Select the service type
- c. Click on Select Service and complete information as prompted
- d. Click Save



ADD WAITLIST DETAILS
Select which child/children you are requesting days for *

Step 1. Please select the service type you require: *

☒ Long Day Care/ Kindergarten/ Preschool	☐ Before School Care ☐ After School Care	☒ Vacation Care **	☐ Occasional Care *
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Step 2. Please click the button below to select the services you wish to submit a booking request to: *

Selected Service(s): None selected.

Step 3. Please specify days for your child:

Preferred start date * No. of Days * Will you accept less days? Y ☐ N ☒

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Preferred days *	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Days that do not suit me	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Step 4. Please enter any comments on flexibility:

APPLICATION DATE 02-02-2018

*

Please note that Occasional Care means casual bookings

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Please note that you are unable to book online for our Holiday Program. Please do not tick the Vacation Care option, but rather complete the hard copy Booking Form available online for you to download at www.bigchildcare.com for Holiday Care

STEP 3

Once you have completed the above step, an email will be automatically generated to your Centre Manager and an 'offer' will be created. Parents will receive an email from My Family Lounge. Please look out for this email. Once the email has been received:

- Log back into My Family Lounge and the Offer section will appear.
- Select View Offer

OFFER

Legend: ✓ Offered ✗ Not Offered Change to Existing Booking

CHILD NAME	START DATE REQ'D START DATE	STATUS	CARE TYPE	CENTRE NAME	DAYS	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	OFFER EXPIRY ACCEPTED DATE	
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STEP 4

You will see this view as per the screen below.

BIG CHILDCARE - MICKLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Letter of Offer
Date Submitted: 02-02-18

We are offering your child a place at the following centre:

Child Name:

Centre: Big Childcare - Mickleham Primary School

Care Type: BSC

Start Date: 27/02/2018

Days Offered: Tue, Wed, Thu, Fr

Expiry Date: 28/02/2018

Accept/Decline Offer
Please accept, decline or change the offer

Enrolment Form
Jodie is not enrolled at this service yet.

Confirm
Please note you need to confirm to secure the placement

[Accept](#) [Decline](#) [Decline & Change](#)

Please press 'accept' and then press the 'confirm' button that will appear shortly after.

**A BIG THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE PROCESS!
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL US ON 03 8682 9400 SHOULD
YOU NEED ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE.**



MORE ABOUT THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY



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CHILD CARE SUBSIDY = BIG SAVINGS 4 U!

THE GREATER YOUR HOURS OF ACTIVITY PER FORTNIGHT THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF SUBSIDISED CARE YOU WILL RECEIVE

Between 8 and 16
hours of activity

Will give you 36
hours of subsidised
care per fortnight

Between 16 and 48
hours of activity

Will give you 72
hours of subsidised
care per fortnight

More than 48 hours
of activity

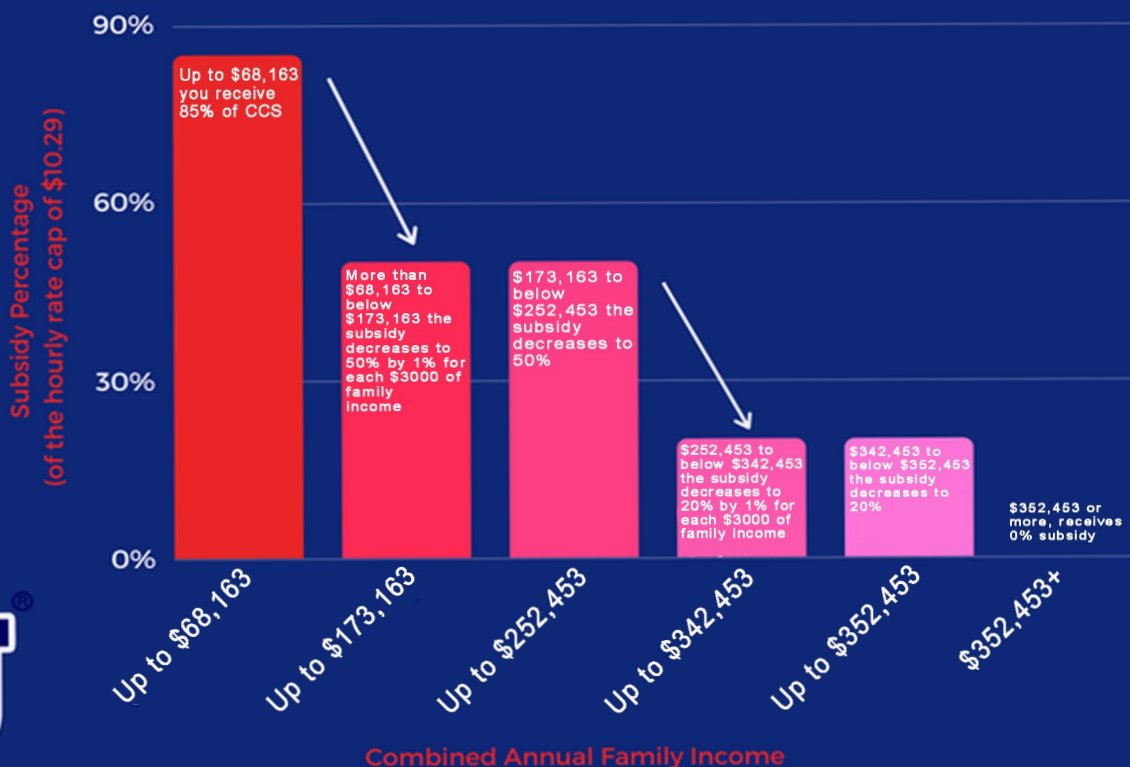
Will give you 100
hours of subsidised
care per fortnight

CRITERIA
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Activity includes paid work, being self employed, carrying out unpaid work in a family business, looking for work, recognised volunteering or studying.

YOUR TOTAL COMBINED FAMILY INCOME WILL DETERMINE HOW MUCH YOU SAVE ON CHILD CARE FEES WITH US THROUGH CHILD CARE SUBSIDY (CCS)

CRITERIA
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CCS MADE EASY = HOW TO APPLY!

REGISTER

Go to www.mygov.au and link your MyGov account to Centrelink and complete the process

STEP
1



STEP
2

CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY

Confirm your activity hours and your partners

STEP
3

CONTACT BIG

Call or email your centre manager and make your required bookings with Big Childcare

STEP
4

CERTIFIED WRITTEN AGREEMENT

Log in to your www.mygov.au and click on the Centrelink button choosing Child Care Subsidy from the menu. Select Enrolments and click on Review to confirm your enrolments for **each** child

CHECK

Contact your centre manager to confirm your CCS enrolment status. Check that your Big Childcare Statement is correct. All done!

STEP
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