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Early Learning

Enrolment

Geelong College Early Learning (EL) is the first entry point to the school. Early Learning currently offers four classes: two classes for 3-4 year olds (EL3), and two classes for 4-5 year olds (EL4). Children spend between two and three years in Early Learning. On entry the Director of Early Learning and the Admissions Manager will advise you of your child's class placement depending on the date of birth and year of entry.

We offer flexible pathways through Early Learning to meet all children's needs. For example, your child may begin in EL3 and spend one or two years in the EL3 classes before entering EL4. Alternatively, your child may begin in EL4 and progress to Prep the following year.

To enrol in Early Learning children will generally have turned three prior to April 30 for entry in that year and need to be toilet trained. Places in EL3B are offered to children who turn three throughout the year, with children commencing after their third birthday.

Times

Full day 9am – 3.15pm

- Children in both the EL3 and EL4 programs will be required to attend a minimum three days per week, but may choose to attend for four full days
- Parents may choose to begin with fewer than the required number of days, however the fee for the minimum number of days will apply
- Children may attend more than the recommended number of days up to a full time position (five days per week). This is subject to availability.

Enrolment Priority

- Children with older siblings currently attending The Geelong College and who intend to continue to Prep.
- Children of Old Collegians who intend to continue to Prep.
- Others in order of date of registration who intend to continue to Prep.

There may be a limited number of places available for children not intending to go onto Prep. Places will be offered for the calendar year only and allocated once all acceptances have been received from applicants who meet the above enrolment criteria.

Preference within each category will be based on date order of registration. Waiting lists will also reflect the same order of priority.

2019 Fees

Registration Fee

The Registration Fee of \$500 (including GST) is payable on submitting the enrolment application form and a copy of your child's birth certificate. This amount is non-refundable and is not credited to any other school fees upon accepting a place.

Entrance Fee

Prior to entering Early Learning, a non-refundable Entrance Fee of \$2,500 is payable. The Entrance Fee is compulsory and payable upon acceptance of a place in Early Learning. This fee will ensure a place for your child through the Early Learning years and also ensure a prioritised place into Prep. \$2,000 will be credited back to the first term's school fees when your child commences Prep.

Please understand the Entrance Fee is not refundable should you decide your child will not be continuing on to Prep. However, your priority enrolment status will not be removed if you wish to enrol your child at the school at a later stage.

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Early Learning Fees

Government funding is applicable for one year of Early Learning only. It will apply to the first year of EL4 for children who turn 4 years of age by April 30 in their year of attendance.

EL3 program does not attract government funding.

		Per Term	Per Year	Additional days
3 year old (unfunded)	3 days per week (minimum)	\$2,640	\$10,560	\$880 per term
4 year old (unfunded)	3 days per week (minimum)	\$2,640	\$10,560	\$880 per term
4 year old (funded)	3 days per week (minimum)	\$2,352	\$9,408	\$784 per term
Full time (funded)	5 days	\$3,423	\$13,692	
Full time (unfunded)	5 days	\$3,850	\$15,400	

Fee Subsidy Eligibility Criteria

A service provider can apply to the Federal Government for a fee subsidy for a child for whom it receives a per capita grant in any of the following circumstances:

- the child is identified by a parent, carer or legal guardian as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- the child individually holds, or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:
 - Commonwealth Health Care Card
 - Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
 - Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card
 - Refugee visa (subclass 200), In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201), Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202), Temporary Humanitarian Concern visa (subclass 786), Protection visa (subclass 866), Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203), Woman at Risk visa (subclass 204), Bridging visas A-E, ImmiCard
- the child is identified on their birth certificate as being a multiple birth child (triplets or more).

Sibling Discount

Sibling discount will apply to Early Learning fees as they do in other parts of the school, that is, a 5% remission for the second child, 10% for the third and 15% for the fourth and subsequent children.

Uniform

Students at Early Learning wear The Geelong College Early Learning uniform, which is available through the College Uniform Shop. The uniform is designed to be child friendly, comfortable and practical for active play. In addition, the uniform promotes a strong sense of identity and belonging from the beginning of the children's involvement at The Geelong College.

Outside School Hours Care

Early Learning children can attend the Outside School Hours Care program in the morning from 8am to 9am or in the afternoon from 3.15pm to 6pm on school days. Currently the charges are:

Morning session: \$6.50 per day

Afternoon session: \$24.50 per full session (3.15pm - 6pm) (\$22.50 for sibling)
\$16 per half session (3.15pm collected before 4.30pm) (\$14 for sibling)

A penalty of \$10.00 per 15 minutes (or part thereof) per child applies for pick-ups after 6pm.

There is a reduced weekly rate of \$95 for children attending Outside School Hours Care for five full sessions per week.

Bookings are required for Outside School Hours Care. Please note that the charges for these programs are subject to change.

Application Date

Early registration is strongly encouraged. Regular Open Days will be held throughout the year, and tours can be arranged at other times if required. Please contact Junior School Reception for further details. These tours will enable parents to make an informed decision about enrolling their child in Early Learning. The selection criteria will be applied and offers of place will be made in accordance with the enrolment priorities.

Other

For Terms and Conditions of enrolment, refer to the College Education Agreement.

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