

Fact Sheet: ATTENDING AEIOU How much will it cost?

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FOUNDATION
for children with autism

The AEIOU Foundation strives to provide affordable access to their autism-specific program. AEIOU feels strongly that services should be affordable so that no family should be disadvantaged. To achieve this, the Foundation fundraises and lobbies extensively across Australia.

Our Parent Assistance Team is trained to provide families with support and advice about their fees.

To find out the nett costs in your individual circumstances, call 1300 ASD HELP (1300 273 435).

AEIOU is structured to make it possible for many families to claim several government support payments. The value of this support varies according to each family's situation. See overleaf for more information.

Here are some examples: **Current from July 2011**

Approximate costs for combined
income ↓ \$39,712 per annum
Based on one child in care.

Annual Fees (fulltime)	\$22,900*
Less Child Care Rebate	\$6,914**
Less Child Care Benefit	\$9,072***
Less Helping Children With Autism payment	\$6,000
Less Carers Allowance	\$2,860
Less Carers Supplement	\$600
NETT COST PER YEAR	NIL

Approximate costs for combined
income ↑ \$138,065 per annum
Based on one child in care.

Annual Fees (fulltime)	\$22,900*
Less Child Care Rebate	\$7,500**
Less Child Care Benefit	\$0***
Less Helping Children With Autism payment	\$6,000
Less Carers Allowance	\$2,860
Less Carers Supplement	\$600
NETT COST PER YEAR	\$5,940

AEIOU is committed to ensuring its program is financially accessible, and works closely with government bodies to secure financial aid for families. The Queensland Government currently contributes \$11,666 per child, per year. The above table demonstrates how each family may apply government rebates to offset their fees. *Please note, it is a personal choice to allocate the carers allowance and carers supplement toward annual fees. These rebates can also be applied to other care and household costs.*

Applicable to AEIOU Bray Park, AEIOU Nathan, AEIOU Park Ridge, AEIOU Toowoomba, AEIOU Townsville and AEIOU Sippy Downs. *Please note, the Nathan Centre operates under two funding programs, the AEIOU Foundation and AEIOU For Children with Autism Ltd. Due to differences in government funding, this fee sheet is not applicable to children enrolled under AEIOU For Children with Autism Ltd.*

*AEIOU's annual fees per placement enable delivery of high level of professional care and inclusion of speech therapy, occupational therapy and autism-specific teaching in the daily program.

**The CCR can be issued in three ways. It can be paid directly to your provider (AEIOU) to reduce your fees immediately, or you can receive it fortnightly directly to your bank account or you can continue to have your CCR paid quarterly or annually as a lump sum directly to your bank account. The CCR maximum is \$6,914 for families on 100% CCB.

***The CCB maximum is \$9,072 and dependent upon the number of hours attended each week and family income.

Lynn Wright Memorial Fund (scholarship funding)

AEIOU offers scholarships for families that apply to the Lynn Wright Memorial Fund and meet the criteria for funding. The Lynn Wright Memorial Fund has an independent board that reviews all applications and any family of Australian citizenship participating in the AEIOU program is eligible to apply. The Carers Allowance and Carers Bonus is considered when determining each scholarship amount. **Application forms are available at www.aeiou.org.au/lynn-wright**

Disclaimer

The information in this document is general information only and has been prepared without taking into account the specific financial circumstance of each family. You should consider getting financial advice about the costs of attending AEIOU by calling 1300 ASD HELP. The information in this document does not constitute financial advice.

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How to Reduce Your Fees

Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR)

The Australian Government offers financial assistance to families with the costs of approved child care. The value (or percentage) of this assistance is calculated by the Family Assistance Office (FAO) based on the income of the household and the number of children in care. Families need to claim CCB to also receive their CCR. The CCR is not income tested. Parents who are receiving Carer Allowance or Carer Payment for a child have an exemption from the work, training, study test for CCB and CCR. Call 13 61 50 to determine your eligibility.

Helping Children with Autism (HCWA)

HCWA is a Federal Government support payment to Australian families with a child aged 0-6 years of age diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This child will have access to a maximum of \$12,000 funding (up to \$6,000 funding per financial year) once they have been deemed eligible to access the Early Intervention Funding Program before their sixth birthday by an authorised Autism Advisor. Details can be found at: www.fahcsia.gov.au (under 'people with a disability/programs and services').

Families may choose to use their HCWA funding to offset their AEIOU fees.

Carers Allowance

Carers Allowance is a supplementary payment available to a parent or carer who provides additional care and attention on a daily basis for a child aged under 16 years with a physical, intellectual or psychiatric disability. This allowance can be used to subsidise your annual fee as demonstrated overleaf, but can also be used for other care and household costs. How it is used is an individual choice. If you receive Carers Allowance, you **may** also receive an annual payment of \$1,000 for child disability assistance. Details can be found at:
www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/carers_allow_child

Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Child Care Fee Assistance

Parents undergoing training, study, job search or rehabilitation to help them enter or re-enter the workforce may be eligible for Federal Government support funding known as JET to cover part of AEIOU's enrolment fees. Eligibility criteria applies. Contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50 for more information.



Important Contact Numbers

Family Assistance Office (FAO): **13 61 50**

AEIOU Parent Assistance Office: **1300 ASD HELP (1300 273 435)**

Autism Advisors: **Brisbane 1800 428 847 or aap@autismqld.com.au
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