

My son goes to Willoughby - Lane Cove Family Day Care. We decided on family day care because of its quality and the cost. When he started in October 2012, the fee was \$98 a day which was reasonable for Lower North Shore area. Since this year, due to the decrease of number of children per educator, the childcare cost went up to \$120 a day which is close to extra \$500 per month. My wife and I both work full time, but it is getting very hard to pay all the bills. We were thinking to have another child, but because of the high cost of childcare (\$1200 per week for two children), we are not able to afford another child. Because we both work, we are not entitled to receive any Family Tax Benefit, and Child Care Benefit. It seems people without a job are getting better benefits from the government. We would like childcare to cost less.