



Kinder Enrolments

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Free 3- and 4-Year-Old Kinder in 2024

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★ All funded kindergarten children are enrolled in a free weekly Happy Feet Fitness class.

Key Information

Free Kinder supports families to access a funded kindergarten program by:

- providing a free 15-hour program to four-year-old children enrolled at a sessional service
- providing a free 5-to-15-hour program to three-year-old children enrolled at a sessional service (subject to the length of funded program offered)
- offsetting the funded kindergarten program component of parent fees for three and four-year-old children enrolled at a long day care service.

FREE KINDERGARTEN IN 2024



What Does This Mean?

The Best Start, Best Life reform will help all Victorian children dream even bigger through increased access to quality early childhood education and care. A critical part of the reform is Free Kinder, which will support access to two years of high-quality kindergarten programs for all Victorian children by making this free.

All early childhood education and care providers that deliver a funded kindergarten program in Victoria are eligible to receive Free Kinder funding from 2023, subject to meeting specified terms and conditions. To receive Free Kinder funding, service providers will be required to opt in to provide Free Kinder and accept the terms and conditions of funding via the process detailed below.

Child Eligibility

DET will make Free Kinder payments to participating service providers, not directly to families. These payments will be made through the Kindergarten Information Management System (KIMS) as regular payments to ensure participating services can offer a free program.

Families can only access a funded kindergarten program at one service at a time in line with normal kindergarten funding guidelines.

This includes requiring that a parent / carer for all enrolled children sign a form (provided by the centre) to confirm that this is their funded kindergarten program.

Fee Process



Centres may opt into providing a free 5-to-15-hour program to three-year-old children.

The below table displays the amount you receive towards your free kinder, depending on the hours offered at your child's service.

Kids on Gallaghers will be delivering:

Three and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten programs, 15 hours per week, per child, will receive the full \$2,050.00

SERVICE TYPE: LONG DAY CARE	AMOUNT
5 Hours	\$ 683.33
7.5 Hours	\$ 1,025.00
10 Hours	\$ 1,366.66
15 Hours	\$ 2,050.00

- Kids on Gallaghers will apply the kinder payments regularly on a fortnightly basis to your account. The amount (labelled Victorian Government Free Kinder offset) will appear on parent invoice statements.
- Payments are made during school terms only, when the funded kinder program is running.
- Children attending the service outside of the school terms, or over the 15 hours will be charged at the centres normal fee (this does not affect your CCS. Parents will pay the gap fee.)

SCHOOL TERMS	WEEKS
TERM 1 (Jan 30th - 28th March)	9 weeks
TERM 2 (15th April - 28th June)	11 Weeks
TERM 3 (15th July - 20th Sept)	10 Weeks
TERM 4 (7th Oct - 20th Dec)	11 Weeks

- This works out to be \$50 a week (\$100 a fortnight) 41 week for the year x \$50 = \$2050 towards your 15 hours Kinder funding program

Example

A Kinder Funded child attends the centre 3 days a week.

The family weekly gap after CCS is \$100.00 a week (\$200.00 a fortnight)

During school term 1, Jan 30th – 28th March, \$100 a fortnight will be credited to the account leaving the family \$100.00 gap to pay for that fortnight.

Outside the school term (school holidays) the family will be paying \$200 a fortnight.

This is just an example. Amounts per family will differ depending on family CCS, and days attending the centre.