

Free Kinder Program

Important information regarding your child's 2023 free kindergarten program

The Victorian Government provides funding to support children to access a high-quality kindergarten program in the two years before they start school. This helps to ensure all Victorian children get the best start in life.

From 2023, the Victorian Government is making kindergarten programs free for three and four-year-old children – saving you and your family up to \$2,500 per year for their program. Free Kinder is a critical component of the Victorian Government's Best Start, Best Life reform.

Funding for your child's free kinder program is provided to our service directly from the Victorian Government, so you will not be required to make any fee payments for three and four-year-old kinder programs from 2023.

In line with the Victorian Government's requirements for Free Kinder, your child can access a 15-hour kindergarten program for free. The only fees that you may be asked to pay are for one-off excursions costs (e.g. transport and entry costs) for children not eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy (KFS). Eligibility categories for KFS can be found at [\[insert link\]](#).

Your child can only be funded for a kindergarten program place at one service at any one time and only for one year in a Three-Year-Old Kindergarten program and one year in a Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program (unless your child is assessed as being eligible for a second year of Four-Year-Old Kindergarten by your child's kindergarten teacher).

In 2023, your child is enrolled to attend our Three-Year-Old Kindergarten or Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program. We can only claim kindergarten funding including Free Kinder payments for your child if this is the only Victorian Government funded kindergarten program they are enrolled in.

If your child will be attending another service that offers a Victorian Government funded kindergarten program, including at a long day care service, you must tell that service that you are receiving a funded kindergarten place at our service.