

When can my child start kindergarten?

In Victoria, all children can go to kindergarten in the year before they start primary school. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children can also go to kindergarten as a three-year-old, if they turn three years old by 30 April in the year they start.

Where can I find a kindergarten for my child?

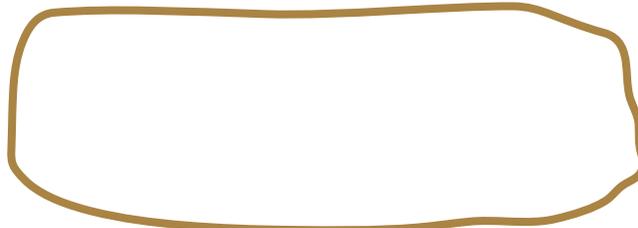
Kindergarten programs are offered at standalone kindergarten services, most long day care centres and some local schools.

To find a kindergarten program in your local area, visit www.mychild.gov.au, call your local council or speak to your local kindergarten service.



Enrol today

To find out more about kindergarten, visit:
www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/parents/kindergarten/pages/aboriginal.aspx
or **contact:**



Koorie Kids Shine at Kindergarten



What is kindergarten?

Kindergarten is a program where your child can have fun and learn through play and activities. Your child can socialise with other children, develop confidence, and build reading, writing and maths skills to help them get ready for school.

Kindergarten programs have a qualified teacher and run for 15 hours per week.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children can go to kindergarten for the two years before school through the Early Start Kindergarten grant.

How much does kindergarten cost?

Free kindergarten

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children can go to 15 hours free kindergarten per week.

When attending a long day care setting, there might be some costs for any additional hours above the 15 hours of free kindergarten.

Families might also be able to receive Commonwealth Government subsidies. For information about these subsidies, please contact Centrelink.

What happens at kindergarten?

At kindergarten, your child can:

- learn through play, art, music and dance
- learn to express themselves in a safe, inclusive and caring environment
- build skills and confidence to prepare them for school.

“ I sent my children to kinder because I wanted them to be ready for school. Kinder made them smart, proud, strong and resilient. Now they're sending their children too. ”

Aunty Esme

