



BUILDING BLOCKS PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT OF INTENT

BRIMBANK CITY COUNCIL

Brimbank City Council and the Department of Education have committed to working in partnership to deliver infrastructure for up to 649 funded kindergarten places by 2035 to support the rollout of the Best Start, Best Life reforms.

To support this commitment, the state government has provided in-principle support to co-contribute up to \$19.74 million for early childhood infrastructure over the course of the Best Start, Best Life reforms through to 2036.

This commitment follows work between the department and Brimbank City Council to develop a Building Blocks Partnership, a forward plan for kindergarten infrastructure provision. This forward plan will help ensure that all children have access to two years of funded Kindergarten from 2023 onwards.

The first part of this package will see the State Government contribute up to \$10.85 million to deliver four kindergarten services, providing up to 413 funded kindergarten places delivered for the 2023 to 2026 kindergarten years.

Area (SA2) to benefit from projects	Operational	Funded kindergarten places
Sunshine	2023	59
Sunshine North	2024	118
St Albans – South	2025	118
St Albans – North	2026	118

The second part of this package will see the State Government contribute up to \$8.89 million across two major kindergarten infrastructure projects providing a combined total of up to 236 funded kindergarten places to be delivered by 2035.

Area (SA2) to benefit from projects	Operational	Funded kindergarten places
Sunshine North	2028	118
St Albans – North	2035	118



As part of the development of a Building Blocks Partnership Agreement, the Department and Council have signed a Building Blocks Partnership Memorandum of Understanding, which commits both parties, in-principle, to:

- commit to working together to plan and deliver infrastructure to support 15 hours of funded kindergarten for all three-year-old children and 30 hours of funded kindergarten for all four-year-old children across Victoria out to 2036
- support the creation of up to 649 new funded kindergarten places through co-investment
- an annual review of proposed projects, allowing project details (timings, scale, scope etc.) to be amended to reflect updated KISP data, enrolment data and local particulars.

This commitment is subject to:

- Council submitting projects to Building Blocks grants program to confirm project scope and readiness to access the agreed state government funding contribution.
- changing requirements as a result of altered market conditions/supply and demand patterns over time, which parties will monitor together as part of the annual Building Blocks Partnership Project Schedule review.

Building Block Partnerships

Building Block Partnerships are a strategic, in-principle agreement between State Government and councils, not-for-profits (NFPs) and non-government organisations to deliver funded kindergarten places via infrastructure investment projects. The primary objectives of Building Blocks Partnerships are to:

1. Provide greater funding certainty for both State Government and partners about co-investment intentions in a forward pipeline of kindergarten infrastructure.
2. Support State Government and partners to forward plan their infrastructure budgets and deliver facilities in line with kindergarten enrolment growth.
3. Support the successful rollout of the reforms by identifying projects that will facilitate the delivery of additional kindergarten capacity over a multi-year period.

The Building Blocks Partnerships form part of the Victorian Government's Best Start, Best Life Infrastructure Strategy.

Best Start, Best Life infrastructure funding

The State Government has committed to rolling out the Best Start, Best Life reforms across Victoria, which will support 15-hours of funded kindergarten for all three-year-old children and 30 hours of funded kindergarten for all four-year-old children across Victoria by 2036.

\$14 billion has been committed to support the Best Start, Best Life reforms. This funding is used to co-invest in infrastructure with local councils, NFP kindergarten providers and other asset owners.