

# Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan

Macedon Ranges Shire

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Reform context

The Victorian Government's \$14 billion Best Start, Best Life (BSBL) reforms are the most significant change to Victoria's early childhood sector in a generation.

The BSBL reforms include:

- **Free Kinder:** Free Kinder is now available for Victorian 3- and 4-year-old children at participating services in standalone (sessional) kindergartens and long day care centres – a saving of up to \$2,500 per child, every year.
- **Pre-Prep:** Four-Year-Old Kindergarten will gradually transition to 'Pre-Prep' – increasing to a universal 30-hour-a-week program of play-based learning for 4-year-old children in Victoria by 2036.
- **Three-Year-Old Kindergarten:** the continued roll-out of Three-Year-Old Kindergarten, with programs increasing to 15 hours a week across the state by 2029.
- **Early learning and childcare centres:** the establishment of 50 Victorian government-owned and operated early learning and childcare centres. These centres will be built in areas with the greatest need and will make it easier for families to access early childhood education and childcare. The first of the centres will open in 2025.

These initiatives demonstrate a clear commitment to improving early learning outcomes for Victorian children, workforce participation and access for families, and present the most significant change to Victoria's early childhood sector in a generation.

Pre-Prep will roll-out in the Macedon Ranges Shire in 2028. Statewide, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from a refugee or asylum seeker background, and children who have had contact with Child Protection services, will be able to access up to 25 hours of Pre-Prep in 2026, increasing to up to 30 hours from 2028. Children who have (or have a parent or guardian who has) a Commonwealth concession card and children who are a multiple birth child (triplets or more) across the state will be able to access up to 25 hours of Pre-Prep in 2028, increasing to up to 30 hours from 2030.

## 1.2. Purpose of Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plans (KISPs)

New and expanded infrastructure is key to delivering the BSBL reforms and will require a large expansion of kindergarten facilities across the State. KISPs, which are jointly developed with Local Governments, indicate where and when new infrastructure will be required to support both reform implementation and population growth in each of Victoria's 79 local government areas (LGAs). KISPs help all kindergarten providers meet demand and collectively provide a clear picture of infrastructure need across the State.

KISPs support planning for services and future capital works and include detailed information about:

- Current capacity and demand for funded kindergarten

- Capacity to be delivered for planned infrastructure projects and future demand for kindergarten
- Forecast 'unmet demand' for kindergarten – that is, the kindergarten places needed that cannot be met by current or planned capacity
- Information specific to each local government area and its early childhood education and care landscape.

KISPs were initially developed to support the roll-out of Three-Year-Old Kindergarten and have now been updated to incorporate Pre-Prep.

KISPs are intended to support planning. They are not funding documents and do not commit any party to addressing the unmet demand identified.

**However, it is expected that future investment requests through Building Blocks and funding decisions about Local Government, not-for-profit projects (including non-government schools) would align with the relevant KISP (including Section 3: Local Context).**

### 1.3. Structure of the KISP

Each KISP consists of the following sections:

- **Section 1:** A short introduction to the Best Start, Best Life reform and the KISP.
- **Section 2:** A map of existing and planned Early Childhood Education and Care services.
- **Section 3:** Local context and knowledge of key information in Macedon Ranges Shire relevant to early childhood education.
- **Section 4:** Unmet demand estimates in Macedon Ranges Shire over the life of the reform.

### 1.4. Disclaimer

All data presented in this document is published for information purposes only. Operational and business decisions should not be based solely on this document. Neither the Department nor Macedon Ranges Shire Council warrants, guarantees, makes any representation or assumes any duty of care in relation to the data, including as to its suitability, completeness, accuracy or adequacy.

## 2. Map of Early Childhood Education services in Macedon Ranges Shire

The map below shows the distribution of currently operating and new State-supported services that are planned to open in the future in Macedon Ranges Shire. Planned services by the private sector are not included.

This map has been prepared using departmental data, from both the National Quality Agenda IT System (NQAITS) and the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA).



**Key**

-  Existing KGN services
-  Existing LDC services

## 3. Local context

### 3.1 Purpose

Local, place-based knowledge and context play an important role in supporting the implementation of the BSBL reforms across Victoria. This section of the KISP documents this knowledge and context and should be considered alongside the kindergarten demand estimates in Section 4.

Information provided as local context may support applications through the Building Blocks Capacity Building and Planning Grants streams.

### 3.2 Key considerations

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is located in central Victoria, about an hour's drive north-west of Melbourne.

The Macedon Ranges population is spread across nine towns and several smaller townships. The largest towns are Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

The uptake of three-year-old kindergarten has been strong across the shire, with a 92% participation rate in 2023, compared to the state-wide average of 89%. 2023 participation rates for four-year-olds in the Macedon Ranges Shire (94%) were slightly below the state average (96%).

#### Aboriginal Self Determination in Early Childhood Education and Care

The Macedon Ranges local government area is home to three Traditional Owner groups. The region is under First Nations custodianship of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung peoples, who have lived in the area for more than 25,000 years.

The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung peoples lived on the lands in and around the Yarra River and Maribyrnong watershed, which extended northwards to include the Macedon Ranges and the current towns of Gisborne, Heskett, Lancefield, Macedon, Riddells Creek and Romsey.

The Dja Dja Wurrung peoples covered a very large area of central Victoria, including land around the present towns of Woodend and Malmsbury and the west side of the Campaspe River around Carlsruhe and Kyneton.

The Taungurung peoples lived on lands that included the townships of Kyneton and Carlsruhe on the east side of the Campaspe River, and range through to Rushworth and Euroa in the north, extending east to Mt Buller.

In 2021, 0.9% of the Macedon Ranges Shire's population were of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent compared to 1.5% in Regional Victoria and 0.7% across Victoria and represents 1.8% of the 0–4-year-old service age group<sup>2</sup>. This equates to approximately 20 children across the shire.

Supporting Aboriginal self-determination in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) will require building strong relationships with local families and relevant services and ensuring the cultural competency of all staff working in services across the shire.

There are no kindergartens in the shire that are operated by an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO). The nearest kindergarten program that is run by an ACCO is djimbaya

<sup>1</sup> 2023 Macedon Ranges ECE Profile, compiled by the Department of Education

<sup>2</sup> [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander profile - Service age groups | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

Kindergarten in Bendigo North, run by the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Corporation. Based on First Nations principles and methodologies, djimbaya Kindergarten offers both three- and four-year-old kindergarten.

**Key demographic trends that influence demand for kindergarten**

In 2021, 2.5% of the Macedon Ranges Shire's population were aged 3- and 4-years-old and this varied slightly across the Council townships. This age structure percentage is expected to remain consistent across the life of the reform, with the 2.4% of the projected population in 2036 also expected to be 3- and 4-years-old.

Table 1: Population and forecast for 3- and 4-year-olds 2021, 2026, 2031 and 2039 (Source: Profile ID)

SA2	Population 2021		Population forecast 3YO and 4YO		
	n	% of SA2 pop	2026	2031	2036
Gisborne	404	2.8	478	525	532
Kyneton	230	2.3	178	228	252
Macedon	84	2.4	109	92	83
Riddells Creek	91	1.9	145	162	169
Romsey	260	2.5	283	303	306
Woodend	202	2.3	173	206	218

In 2021, for children aged 0-4 years:

- 88.7% were in ‘couples with children’ households<sup>3</sup>
- 7.6% were in ‘one parent family’ households<sup>4</sup>
- 1.0% were born overseas<sup>5</sup>
- 4.9% spoke a language other than English at home<sup>6</sup>
- 46.6% live in households with a weekly income of \$2,947 and over<sup>7</sup>
- 4.0% live in households with a weekly income between \$0 and \$881<sup>8</sup>

**Projects or trends that may influence supply of early childhood education and care**

The data presented in the KISP document assumes that all but one of the existing long day care (LDC) centres will take part in the reform.

Across the shire, there are a total of 28 ECEC services. This includes 18 LDCs (five not-for-profit and 13 for profit) 14 of which offer funded kindergarten. All sessional kindergarten providers in the shire are not-for-profit, with Council operating eight of these services.

<sup>3</sup> [Age groups - Household type | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)  
<sup>4</sup> [Age groups - Household type | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)  
<sup>5</sup> [Age groups - Birthplace | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)  
<sup>6</sup> [Age groups - Language spoken at home | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)  
<sup>7</sup> [Age groups - Household income quartiles | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)  
<sup>8</sup> [Age groups - Household income quartiles | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

## SA2 overviews

SA2	Participation rates (%) <sup>9</sup>		Number of children attending <sup>10</sup>	
	3yo	4yo	Sessional	Integrated
<b>Gisborne</b>	113*	119*	335	116
<b>Kyneton</b>	84	104*	168	28
<b>Macedon</b>	65	124*	70	5
<b>Riddells Creek</b>	101*	102*	70	29
<b>Romsey</b>	69	91	217	35
<b>Woodend</b>	100	106*	140	36

\* Higher than 100% participation rates likely mean that more children are travelling into the SA2 for kindergarten than are leaving to attend. (Source: 2024 Enrolment Data)

### Gisborne

The Gisborne SA2 includes Gisborne, the localities of Bullengarook, Gisborne South, New Gisborne, and the Macedon Ranges Shire part of the locality of Toolern Vale<sup>11</sup>.

There are two major housing estates currently being built in Ross Watt Road, Gisborne and Ferrier Road, New Gisborne, which have been considered in KISP demand data. Kindergarten supply data for Gisborne includes seven services currently delivering kindergarten programs (four integrated and three sessional) and one additional service in the process of seeking service funding to deliver a kindergarten program from 2026. There are currently planning permit applications approved or in process for ECEC services in Gisborne, which have not been considered in KISP supply data.

### Kyneton

The Kyneton SA2 includes Kyneton, the localities of Baynton, Baynton East, Cadello, Carlsruhe, Edgecombe, Kyneton South, Lauriston, Pastoria, Pastoria East, Pipers Creek, Sidonia, and the Macedon Ranges Shire part of the localities of Denver, Greenhill, Malmsbury, Spring Hill, and Taradale<sup>12</sup>. A housing estate is currently being built in Kyneton South, which has been factored into demand data. Kindergarten supply in Kyneton currently includes four services (three integrated and one sessional), with two more expected to commence programs in 2026.

Families from surrounding areas with no local kindergarten provision (including parts of Hepburn and Mount Alexander) may have Kyneton as the closest option. This places additional strain on township services, particularly sessional places with no out-of-pocket costs, a trend already evident in recent years.

While the broader Kyneton SA2 appears relatively advantaged, this masks disadvantage in the township itself. The ABS Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), which measure relative advantage and disadvantage, place Kyneton township in the 5th decile nationally compared with the wider Kyneton District in the 7th decile and the Victorian average in the 6th.

Forthcoming policy changes increasing hours to families with a health care card is expected to increase pressure further. This will result in fewer places available for families living in outlying localities, resulting in increased travel past Kyneton to Woodend or Macedon to access sessional

<sup>9</sup> Macedon Ranges 2023 ECEC Profile, Department of Education

<sup>10</sup> KIMS data 2024, Department of Education

<sup>11</sup> [About the profile areas | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

<sup>12</sup> [About the profile areas | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

kindergarten programs with no out-of-pocket costs. Relying on SA2-level data risks underestimating these pressures and obscuring the complexity of the issue.

### **Macedon**

The Macedon SA2 includes Macedon and the locality of Mount Macedon<sup>13</sup>. Bushfire overlays in this SA2 prevent expansion of existing services and make it unlikely that new services will enter.

Kindergarten supply data for Macedon includes two services currently delivering kindergarten programs (one integrated and one sessional).

### **Riddells Creek**

The Riddells Creek SA2 includes Riddells Creek, the locality of Cherokee, the Macedon Ranges Shire part of the locality of Clarkefield, and a small part of the locality of Gisborne<sup>14</sup>.

There is a major housing estate that was recently approved in Riddells Creek, which has been partially considered in the demand data. Kindergarten supply data for Riddells Creek includes three services currently delivering kindergarten programs (one integrated and two sessional). There are currently planning permit applications approved or in process for ECEC services in Riddells Creek, which have not been considered in KISP supply data.

Additional areas within the Riddells Creek SA2 are identified for likely development over the next ten years. The need for additional kindergarten facilities as a result of any future development will need to be considered when this document is reviewed in the future.

### **Romsey**

The Romsey SA2 includes the towns of Romsey and Lancefield, the localities of Benloch, Bolinda, Chintin, Cobaw, Darraweit Guim, Goldie, Kerrie, Monegetta, Rochford, and Springfield, and the Macedon Ranges Shire part of the localities of Bylands and Tantaraboo<sup>15 16</sup>.

Kindergarten supply data for Romsey includes five services currently delivering kindergarten programs (three integrated and two sessional). There is one additional service in Romsey that previously received, but no longer receives, funding to deliver a kindergarten program. This service has not been considered in the KISP supply data. There is currently one planning permit application approved for an ECEC service in Romsey, which has not been considered in KISP supply data.

Prior to the Lancefield Children's Centre opening in Lancefield, families attended the Romsey Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service for their children's Key Ages and Stages checks. The Lancefield Children's Centre is a three-room service, currently delivering kindergarten programs from two rooms, with the third room available to the community for early years programs such as playgroup.

### **Woodend**

The Woodend SA2 includes Woodend, the localities of Ashbourne, Heskett, Newham, and Woodend North, and the Macedon Ranges Shire part of the localities of Fernhill, Trentham East and Tylden<sup>17</sup>.

Kindergarten supply data for Woodend includes three services currently delivering kindergarten programs (two integrated and one sessional). There are currently planning permit applications in process for ECEC services in Woodend, which have not been considered in KISP supply data.

<sup>13</sup> [About the profile areas | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

<sup>14</sup> [About the profile areas | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

<sup>15</sup> [About the profile areas | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

<sup>16</sup> [About the profile areas | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

<sup>17</sup> [About the profile areas | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

Limited capacity to expand services or establish new ones in the Macedon SA2 due to bushfire overlays, is likely to result in unmet demand being absorbed within the Woodend SA2.

### **Key local geographic considerations or information relevant to Three-Year-Old Kindergarten and Pre-Prep**

Public transport across the shire is limited and not provided at a level that would support children and families getting to and from kindergarten. A train line running from Melbourne to Bendigo stops at Riddells Creek, Gisborne (located in New Gisborne), Macedon, Woodend, Kyneton and Malmsbury. This is reflected in Census data showing that 54.8% of employed people travelled to work by private car and 27% worked from home on census day, while only 1.6% took public transport and 2.2% rode or walked<sup>18</sup>.

In 2023, 145 children residing outside of the shire attended kindergarten in ECEC services across the Macedon Ranges, most commonly from Melton, Hume, Hepburn, Mitchell or Mount Alexander. In the same year 73 children residing in the Macedon Ranges attended kindergarten at an ECEC service in another LGA, most commonly Hume, Mitchell or Mount Alexander<sup>19</sup>.

Work on the Macedon Ranges Workforce Plan 2024 noted there were challenges for some local LDCs services in recruiting and retaining Early Childhood Teachers and other necessary staff, which could influence service capacity<sup>20</sup>. Additionally, it is not known what impact the Commonwealth Government's proposed 3-day guarantee for universal access to childcare might have on the capacity for provision of funded kindergarten places at local LDCs.

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<sup>18</sup> [Method of travel to work | Macedon Ranges Shire | Community profile](#)

<sup>19</sup> 2023 Macedon Ranges ECE Profile, compiled by the Department of Education

<sup>20</sup> Macedon Ranges Early Childhood Education & Care Workforce Plan 2024-2029

## 4. Unmet demand estimates between 2025 - 2036 for Macedon Ranges Shire

### 4.1 Purpose

As the BSBL reforms are rolled out and Victoria's population grows, demand for kindergarten and Pre-Prep places will increase significantly. While additional capacity will be needed to meet this demand, this will vary across the State and over time, due to differences in the capacity of existing services, growth trends and sector composition.

To identify where, when and how many additional kindergarten places are expected to be required over the roll-out in the Macedon Ranges Shire, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the department have developed:

1. a summary of the current provision of kindergarten within Macedon Ranges Shire (**Section 4.3**).
2. an estimate of kindergarten places that cannot be met through existing services for the 2025 - 2036 period, taking into account the additional demand that can be accommodated by optimising utilisation of existing services and infrastructure (**Section 4.4**).

Local governments and providers can use these published estimates to inform reform implementation activities such as service planning, kindergarten program expansion, infrastructure investments and Building Blocks funding applications in alignment with future demand over the roll-out.

### 4.2 Methodology

The estimated kindergarten places used in the following sections have been agreed between Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the department, and were informed by:

- demand projections developed by the department which draw on a range of inputs, including population forecasts and current enrolments
- the estimated capacity of existing and planned services in the LGA (Section 2)
- where applicable, modelling undertaken by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and service level information; and
- local knowledge and context provided by the local government (Section 3) that explains particular issues and trends in their area.

#### Kindergarten places explainer

The KISP measures a service's capacity to deliver funded kindergarten in terms of the number of **15-hour places** (referred to as "kindergarten places") available for Three-Year-Old kindergarten and Pre-Prep (noting that, by 2036, two kindergarten places will be required for one Pre-Prep enrolment). The number of kindergarten places is different from a service's licensed or approved places, which

count the number of children permitted to attend the service at any one time under the license. Many services can enrol more children in their funded kindergarten program(s) than they have licensed places for because they can run more than one kindergarten program per week. Kindergarten places are therefore a more accurate measure of service kindergarten capacity than licensed places.

Kindergarten places have been presented as 15-hour places so that new Three-Year-Old Kindergarten places and the additional 15-hour places required for Pre-Prep can be easily compared to existing 15-hour Four-Year-Old Kindergarten places. This is because, when Three-Year-Old Kindergarten is fully rolled out in 2029, three-year-old children will have access to 15-hours of kindergarten. When Pre-Prep is fully rolled out in 2036, four-year-old children will have access to up to 30-hours of kindergarten, an increase of the current offering of 15-hours per week.

It is important to note that enrolments are not equivalent to 15-hour places. One 15-hour place can support a total of 15 hours of delivery per week split between one or more children, including but not limited to the following examples:

One 15-hour place (15 hours of delivery)		
<b>Example 1</b>	1 child	1 x 3YO attending 15 hours per week
<b>Example 2</b>	1 child	1 x 4YO attending 15 hours per week
<b>Example 3</b>	2 children	2 x 3YOs attending 7.5 hours per week
<b>Example 4</b>	3 children	3 x 3YOs attending 5 hours per week

Two 15-hour places can support a total of 30 hours of delivery per week split between one or more children, including but not limited to the following examples:

Two 15-hour places (30 hours of delivery)		
<b>Example 1</b>	1 child	1 x 4YO attending 30 hours per week
<b>Example 2</b>	2 children	2 x 3YOs attending 15 hours per week
<b>Example 3</b>	2 children	1 x 3YO, and 1 x 4YO both attending 15 hours per week
<b>Example 4</b>	3 children	2 x 3YOs attending 7.5 hours per week, and 1 x 4YO attending 15 hours per week

### Geographic boundaries used in the KISP

These estimates have been developed at an LGA and community level to show the overall forecast and variation within an area. The KISP defines community at the Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2), which is a medium-sized area which represents a community that interacts socially and

economically, with an approximate population range of 3,000 to 25,000 people, and an average population of about 10,000 people. The KISP uses 2021 SA2 boundaries. More information is available at the [Australian Bureau of Statistics website](#).

### Supply contributed by pipeline projects

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the department have added any new places that will be made available through planned expansions of existing services or new services into estimates of existing supply, where this information is available. This may include projects being delivered by not-for-profit providers (including non-government schools) with support from the Victorian Government, planned Kindergartens on School Sites, and government-owned and operated early learning and childcare centres.

The KISP does not estimate how and when the broader sector will expand to meet the additional demand for kindergarten places that are estimated over the roll-out period.

## 4.3 Summary of current kindergarten provision

The figures below provide a summary of current kindergarten provision within the LGA and provide relevant context for the estimates of demand for funded kindergarten places included in Section 4.5. The data included in this section are largely drawn from:

- the department’s Kindergarten Information Management System (KIMS), as at 2023.
- the National Quality Agenda IT System (NQAITS), as at April 2025.

Number of services by service type (NQAITS)	
Stand-alone kindergartens	11
Long day care centres (including services not currently delivering funded kindergarten)	18

Percentage of services by management type, LGA level (NQAITS)	
Type	Percentage
Local Government	28%
Private not for profit	24%
Private for profit	45%
Other	3%

Current kindergarten offering in Macedon Ranges Shire	
Three-Year-Old Kindergarten participation rate (KIMS):	94%
Four-Year-Old Kindergarten participation rate (KIMS):	92%
Number of services that offer a funded kindergarten program (KIMS):	24

## 4.4 Agreed estimates of demand for kindergarten places

The below estimates (**Table 1** onwards) have been developed by Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the department to illustrate the estimated:

1. Demand – the total number of kindergarten places expected to be required over the roll-out period to support the current provision of Four-Year-Old Kindergarten, the BSBL reforms, and population growth
2. Supply – the total number of kindergarten places that can be accommodated by existing services and infrastructure, and planned, State-supported services which are yet to open.
3. Unmet demand – kindergarten places that cannot be accommodated by optimising existing services and infrastructure (i.e. the shortfall between demand and supply).

### Interpreting the estimates

Infrastructure need in the LGA and its local communities is indicated by the bottom rows of the tables in this section (**Table 1** onwards): *Unmet demand*. If the number of kindergarten places in this row is above zero, it means that the area is estimated to need additional infrastructure capacity. Any type of provider – local government, not-for-profit (including non-government schools) or for-profit – can build this additional infrastructure.

Sub-SA2 factors may need to be considered to give a holistic picture of unmet demand. For example, in rural communities, one SA2 may contain several small towns, some with excess supply and some with unmet demand. At the SA2-level, demand may appear to be met because all supply and demand is considered in aggregate; however, it is not feasible to for families to drive long distances to access kindergarten capacity in another town. Sub-SA2 factors are covered in **Section 3: Local context**.

**Table 1: Estimated kindergarten places required between 2025 - 2036 in Macedon Ranges Shire**

Macedon Ranges estimates	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Demand for kindergarten	1197	1280	1363	1626	1810	1864	2138	2154	2168	2188	2209	2218
Kindergarten supply	1381	1651	1651	1723	1723	1798	1798	1798	1798	1798	1798	1798
Unmet demand	21	16	15	54	122	119	340	356	370	391	411	421

**Community estimates**

**Table 2a: Estimated kindergarten places required between 2025 - 2036 in Gisborne**

<b>Gisborne estimates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2036</b>
Demand for kindergarten	413	429	445	526	582	598	679	680	682	687	690	694
Kindergarten supply	467	587	587	617	617	647	647	647	647	647	647	647
Unmet demand	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	33	34	40	43	47

**Table 2b: Estimated kindergarten places required between 2025 - 2036 in Kyneton**

<b>Kyneton estimates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2036</b>
Demand for kindergarten	181	193	211	256	290	303	351	356	360	364	367	371
Kindergarten supply	189	267	267	287	287	306	306	306	306	306	306	306
Unmet demand	0	0	0	0	3	0	45	49	53	58	61	64

**Table 2c: Estimated kindergarten places required between 2025 - 2036 in Macedon**

<b>Macedon estimates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2036</b>
Demand for kindergarten	89	95	94	106	113	111	125	122	121	120	120	120
Kindergarten supply	69	79	79	81	81	84	84	84	84	84	84	84
Unmet demand	21	16	15	25	32	27	41	38	37	36	36	36

**Table 2d: Estimated kindergarten places required between 2025 - 2036 in Riddells Creek**

<b>Riddells Creek estimates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2036</b>
Demand for kindergarten	107	118	125	150	167	172	198	202	204	206	210	210
Kindergarten supply	146	162	162	166	166	170	170	170	170	170	170	170
Unmet demand	0	0	0	0	1	3	28	32	34	36	40	40

**Table 2e: Estimated kindergarten places required between 2025 - 2036 in Romsey**

<b>Romsey estimates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2036</b>
Demand for kindergarten	255	283	315	378	422	435	500	504	509	514	520	520
Kindergarten supply	335	380	380	392	392	403	403	403	403	403	403	403
Unmet demand	0	0	0	0	30	32	97	101	106	111	117	117

**Table 2f: Estimated kindergarten places required between 2025 - 2036 in Woodend**

<b>Woodend estimates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2036</b>
Demand for kindergarten	151	162	172	208	236	245	285	289	292	296	302	304
Kindergarten supply	176	176	176	180	180	187	187	187	187	187	187	187
Unmet demand	0	0	0	29	56	58	98	102	105	109	115	117

**Table 2f: Estimated kindergarten places required between 2025 - 2036 in Woodend**

<b>Woodend estimates</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>2036</b>
Demand for kindergarten	151	162	172	208	236	245	285	289	292	296	302	304
Kindergarten supply	176	176	176	180	180	187	187	187	187	187	187	187
Unmet demand	0	0	0	28	56	58	98	102	105	109	115	117

# 5. Authorisation

The Loddon Campaspe Area Executive Director, Anne Cunniff, of the Department of Education and the Director Community, Maria Weiss, of Macedon Ranges Shire Council endorse this Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP) for Macedon Ranges Shire by signing on ..... / ..... / .....

This KISP is not intended to create legal relations or constitute a legally binding contractual agreement between the parties. The parties will review this KISP in 2028 and may publish a new version that will replace the previous version.

Signed for and on behalf and with the authority of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Signed by:  
*Maria Weiss*  
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Signature

Name: Maria Weiss .....

Title: Director Community .....

Signed for and on behalf and with the authority of the Department of Education

*Anne Cunniff*  
.....  
Signature

Name: Anne Cunniff .....

Title: Executive Director Loddon Campaspe .....