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Dear parents and guardians

As you and your child are well underway in a year of learning, playing and making friends at kinder, I wanted to update you on our work to help make sure every young Victorian is getting a great start in life.

In 2021, we're making Four-Year-Old Kinder free for children attending participating long day care and sessional programs, with an average saving of \$2,000 for every child.

Families with children in Three-Year-Old Kinder in sessional programs will also benefit from a \$1,600 reduction in fees.

This will mean one less stress for families – and one less burden on family budgets. It'll also give more parents and carers the flexibility they need as they return to work, study or training.

We are also making it easier for families to find kindergarten programs that are approved by the Victorian Government – in the coming weeks, you will see the Kinder Tick logo start appearing.

When you see the Kinder Tick you'll know that no matter where your child attends a kindergarten program, they will benefit from play-based learning led by a qualified teacher.

Our investment builds on our record funding for early childhood education – delivering new kinders, more teachers, and kinder for three-year-olds across the state from 2022.

But fundamentally, it's an investment in our kids – and their future.

Yours sincerely

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