

Help to go to kinder.

You are

- a refugee
- an asylum seeker.

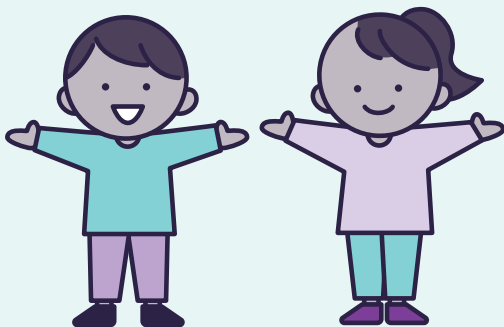




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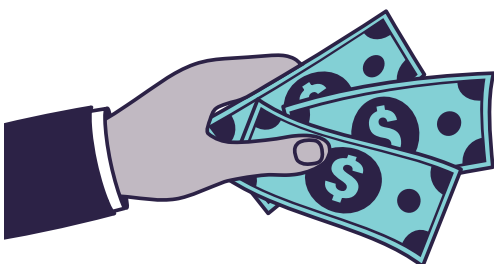
- **a refugee**
- **an asylum seeker.**

and



You have a child who is

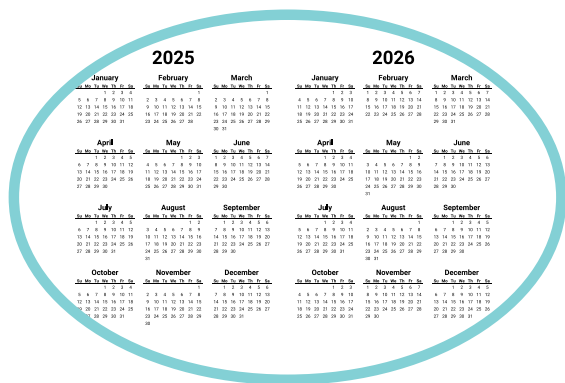
- **3 years old**
- **4 years old.**



We can help pay for your child to go to kinder.

We may help pay for

- **some of it**
- **all of it.**



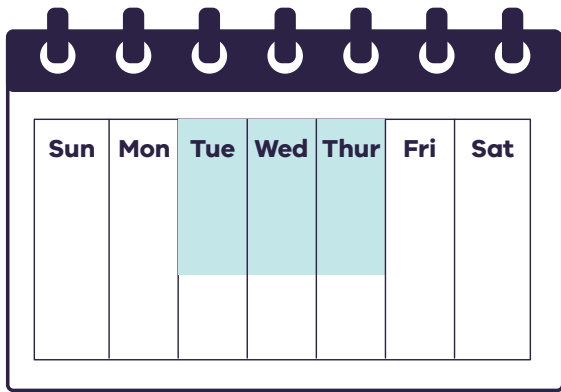
It is very good for your child's learning to go to 2 years of kinder.

The first year is called
Three-Year-Old Kindergarten.

The second year is called Pre-Prep.

From 2026 your child can go to
Pre-Prep for free for up to 25 hours
each week.

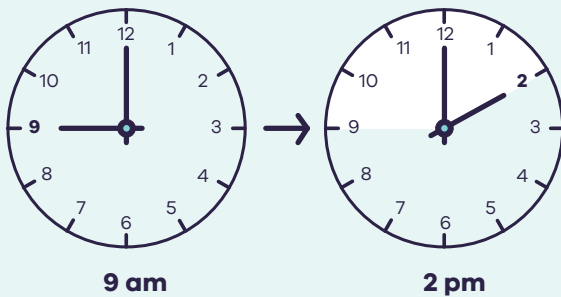
From 2028 your child can go to
Pre-Prep for free for up to 30 hours
each week.



Three-Year-Old Kindergarten is for 15 hours a week.

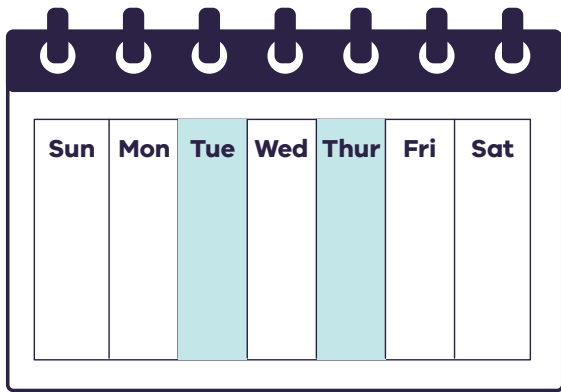
Each kinder will do this in different ways.

For example, your child goes to kinder 3 days a week.

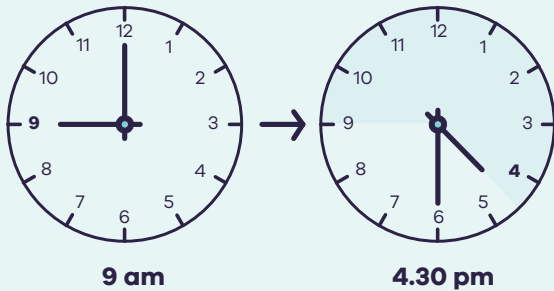


- It is from 9 am to 2 pm.
- It is for 5 hours each time.

or



**Your child goes to kinder
2 days a week.**



**It is from 9 am to 4.30 pm.
It is for 7 hours and 30
minutes each time.**

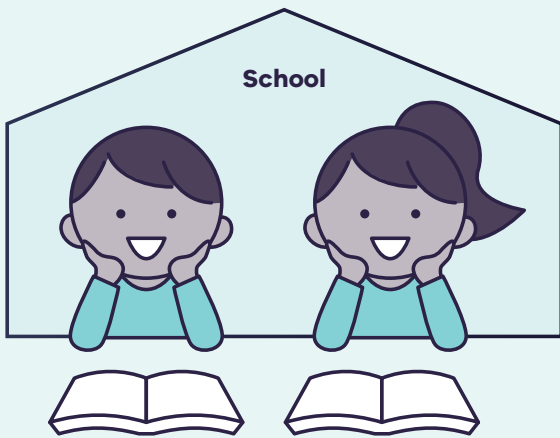
**We pay the money
to the kinder.**



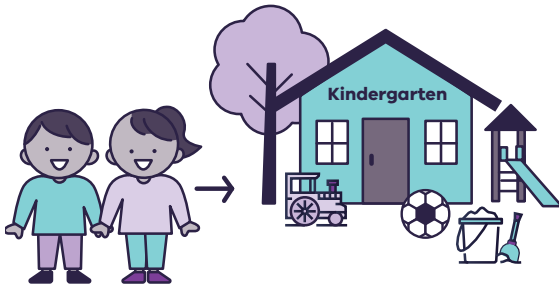
It helps your child

- **learn about**
 - **words**
 - **shapes**

and



- **make friends**
- **get ready for school.**

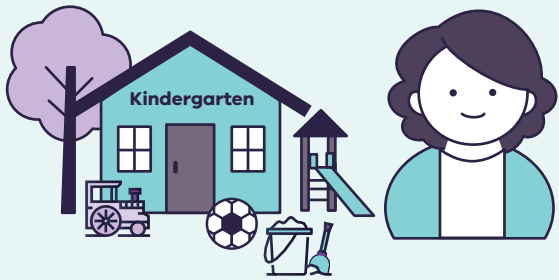


Your child can go to kinder when they are

- **3 years old**

and

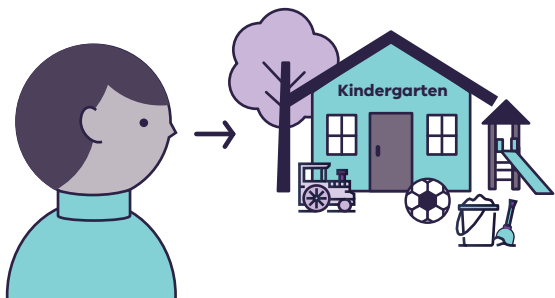
- **4 years old.**



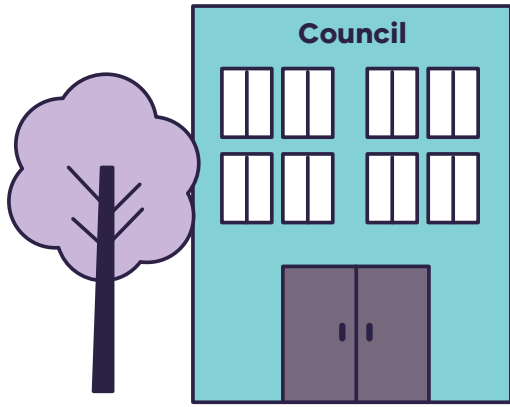
If you want your child to go to kinder:

- **talk to a kinder near you**

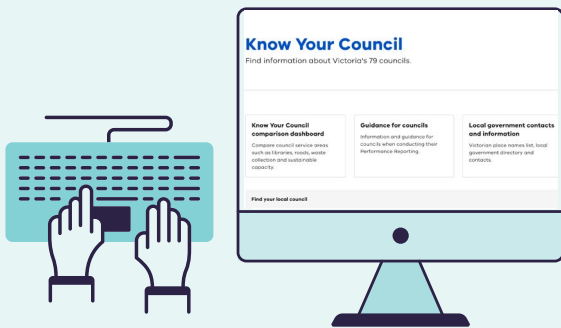
- **or talk to your local council.**



Do you need help to find a kinder?

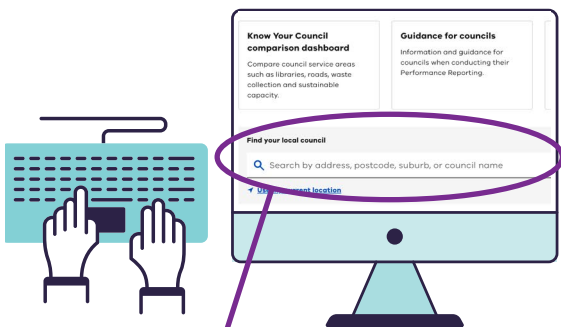


Talk to your local council.
Like you live in
Broadmeadows.
Your local council
is Hume.



You do not know
your local council.
You can find them online.

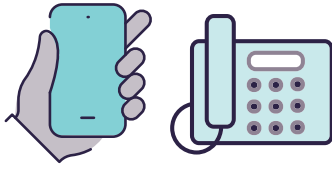
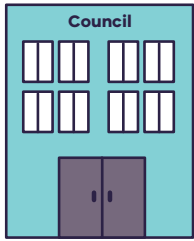
Go to www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au



Type the place you
live in the search bar.
Like the suburb
you live in.

Find your local council

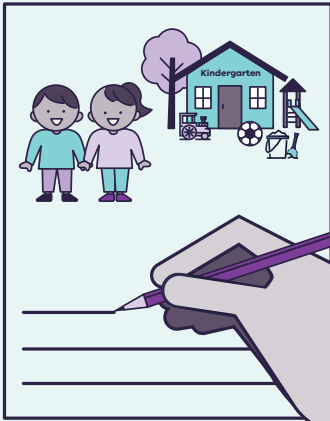
[Use my current location](#)



**You will get the name
of your council.**

and

**A phone number to talk
to your council.**



**There are forms
to fill in for kinder**

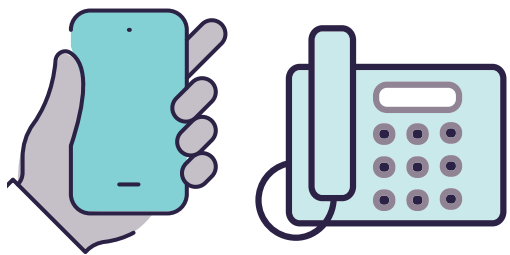


**You can ask a person
to help you.**

Like your

- **support worker**
- **cultural worker**
- **maternal and child
health nurse**
- **playgroup support
worker.**

or



You can ask us.

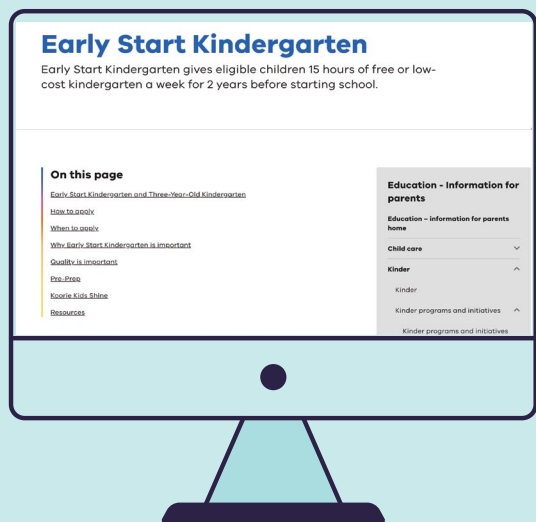
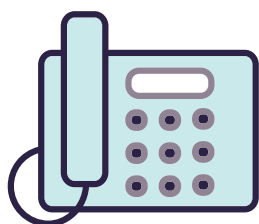
Department of Education

Call 1800 338 663.

or

Call 131 450.

You get an interpreter.



Website

www.vic.gov.au/early-start-kindergarten

This fact sheet is based on the Victorian Government Information about early start kindergarten for refugees and asylum seekers. September 2025.