



3YO AND 4YO KINDERGARTEN



MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL
CENTRAL REGISTRATION 2023



WHO IS IT FOR?

Kindergarten is an early learning program for children in the two years before school entry. It is designed to engage children in quality learning experiences and provide them with opportunities to further develop their cognitive, creative, social, emotional and physical skills.

The State Government provides funding for eligible children to attend three year old and four year old kindergarten programs.

Your child can attend kindergarten in 2023 if:

- They turn 3 years of age (for 3 year old kindergarten) or 4 years of age (for 4 year old kindergarten) on or before the 30th of April in the year of kindergarten attendance.
- They have received funding for a second year of kindergarten.
- They were eligible to attend a four year old program in the previous year, but deferred from the four year old program on or before the census date.
- They are eligible for Early Start Kindergarten.
- They are turning 6 years of age in their year of kindergarten AND have been granted an exemption from the Department of Education & Training school entry age requirements.
- They are younger than the eligible age, but have gained approval to attend school the following year.

To check what year your child can commence kindergarten, and check their eligibility, head to <https://www.vic.gov.au/give-your-child-the-best-start-in-life#when-to-start-three-year-old-kindergarten>

PRIORITY OF ACCESS

Places will be offered in accordance with the Priority of Access table published in the Moorabool Shire Council Central Kindergarten Registration Policy. This document is available via www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens or by contacting the Early Years Office.

PARTICIPATING KINDERGARTENS

The following standalone kindergartens participate in Council's Central Registration and Enrolment Scheme:

BALLAN KINDERGARTEN

88 Simpson St
Ballan 3342
03 5368 1228
admin@ecka.org.au
www.ecka.org.au

WALLACE & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN

739 Bungaree-Wallace Rd
Wallace 3352
03 5334 0268
admin@ecka.org.au
www.ecka.org.au

MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN

176 Gisborne Rd
Darley 3340
03 5367 7706
bacchusmarsh.els@vt.uniting.org

<https://earlylearning.unitingvicta.org.au/find-a-service/bacchus-marsh-montessori-preschool/>

DARLEY KINDERGARTEN

Darley Early Years Hub
182 Halletts Way
Darley 3340
03 5367 8605
enrolments@ecms.org.au
www.ecms.org.au

YOUNG ST KINDERGARTEN

Cnr Young and Bennett St
Bacchus Marsh 3340
03 5367 2443
enrolments@ecms.org.au
www.ecms.org.au

HOW TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

#1

DECIDE WHICH KINDERGARTEN WILL BEST MEET YOUR NEEDS

- Contact/arrange a visit directly with the kindergarten service to decide if the kindergarten will best meet your needs

#2

APPLY THROUGH COUNCIL'S CENTRAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM BEFORE THE END OF JUNE*. REGISTER BY COMPLETING THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM AT [HTTPS://WWW.MOORABOOL.VIC.GOV.AU/KINDERGARTENS](https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens)

#3

TELL US YOU WANT TO ACCEPT THE PLACE WHEN RECEIVING YOUR OFFER IN JULY*

YOU WILL NEED:

- Proof of address as a resident/rate payer of Moorabool Shire (such as current rates notice, current drivers licence, utility bill or bank statement)
- To pay the non-refundable registration fee**

#4

FORMALLY ENROL WITH YOUR KINDERGARTEN WHEN THEY CONTACT YOU IN OCTOBER

*Registrations must be lodged by Round One closing date to be considered in the first round offers. If a registration is incomplete, you will be contacted via email or phone. Your registration will not be processed until outstanding documentation and/or payment has been received.

**Fee currently \$27.50, this will increase from 1 July 2021. Families experiencing financial hardship may apply to have the application fee waived, this can be done by contacting the Early Years team.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIMELINE

7 MARCH 2022 Registrations open.

24 JUNE 2022 Registrations for first round offers **close**.

JULY 2022 First round offers emailed.

26 AUGUST 2022 Registrations for second round offers **close**.

SEPTEMBER 2022 Second round offers emailed. Kindergartens receive admission details for all accepted places from Council.

FROM OCTOBER 2022 Families receive enrolment information from their accepted kindergarten, this include group session times and fees. Any questions relating to this, please contact the kindergarten directly.

January 2023 - Non Residents

Kindergarten registrations received from non-residents will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Families are also considered non-residents if they move out of the Moorabool Shire prior to the commencement of the kindergarten year.

For more information on non-resident registrations, please refer to the Moorabool Shire Council Central Kindergarten Registration Policy.

EARLY START KINDERGARTEN

Early Start Kindergarten is free kindergarten for eligible three year old children where programs (15hrs per week) are offered by a qualified teacher. Early Start Kindergarten is available to children who turn three by 30 April in the year they will be attending kindergarten and whose family is:

- known to Child Protection (including those referred directly from Child Protection to Child FIRST) and/or;
- are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and/or;
- from a refugee or asylum seeker background.

APPEALS PROCESS

If you have a dispute you are encouraged to lodge an appeal in writing to Council, to the attention of the Coordinator, Early Childhood Education & Care Services. A formal response will be sent within 10 business days of receipt of a letter or email. Email to earlyyears@moorabool.vic.gov.au

PRIVACY & CONFIDENTIALITY

Access to completed registration forms will be restricted to the Early Years' Service and other relevant Council officers. Your enrolment information will be provided to the kindergarten your child has been allocated to. Personal Information is held by Moorabool Shire Council in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*.

**REGISTER
TODAY**



<https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens>

Moorabool Shire Council Early Years Office

03 5366 7100

EarlyYears@moorabool.vic.gov.au

