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☎ 5366 7100 or ✉ earlyyears@moorabool.vic.gov.au



MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024



3YO & 4YO KINDERGARTEN

moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens



PARTICIPATING KINDERGARTENS

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

BALLAN & DISTRICT PRESCHOOL

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

BACCHUS MARSH MONTESSORI UNITING KINDERGARTEN

176 Gisborne Rd, Darley 3340
03 5367 7706
bacchusmarsh.els@vt.uniting.org
earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au

DARLEY KINDERGARTEN

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

YOUNG ST PRESCHOOL

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

WEST MADDINGLEY EARLY YEARS & COMMUNITY HUB

(Opening January 2024)
Cnr McCormacks and Gladman Rds,
Maddingley 3340. Under Construction.
Provider TBA.

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.

Under State Government funding provisions, kindergarten is free for children attending kindergarten at participating service providers.

Your child can attend kindergarten in 2024 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 30 April in the year of kindergarten attendance.
- They have received funding for a second year of 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.

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 moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens or by contacting the Early Years team.

ROUND TWO

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 BY FRIDAY 25 AUGUST*. REGISTER BY COMPLETING THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM AT moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens

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 \$28.80**

3. TELL US YOU WANT TO ACCEPT THE PLACE WHEN RECEIVING YOUR OFFER IN SEPTEMBER*

4. FORMALLY ENROL WITH YOUR KINDERGARTEN WHEN THEY CONTACT YOU LATER IN THE YEAR



*Registrations must be lodged by Round Two closing date (25 August 2023) to be considered in the second round of 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.

If you are unable to access the online form or need assistance completing a kindergarten registration for your child please contact, the Early Years team on 5366 7100 or email earlyyears@moorabool.vic.gov.au.

**Fee \$28.80 valid until 30 June 2024. This fee will be waived for all Priority One registrants, including Health Care Card, Veteran's Affairs Gold, White Card and Pension Card holders. Council will waive the registration fee on upload of a copy of the relevant documentation during the online registration process.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIMELINE

6 MARCH 2023 First round registrations open.

23 JUNE 2023 Registrations for first round offers **close**.

JULY 2023 First round offers emailed.

25 AUGUST 2023 Registrations for second round offers **close**.

SEPTEMBER 2023 Second round offers emailed. Kindergartens receive admission details for all accepted places from Council.

FROM OCTOBER 2023 Families receive enrolment information from their accepted kindergarten, this includes group session times and fees. Any questions relating to this, please contact the kindergarten directly.
January 2024 - 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 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.

The Victorian Government is rolling out funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten – from five hours a week. During the roll-out, Early Start Kindergarten will continue to provide 15 hours a week of funded kindergarten. Applications for Early Start Kindergarten funding are made by the service on your behalf and the grant is paid directly to the service.

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 registration 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*.

Moorabool Shire Council Child Youth & Family Services

5366 7100

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