

# DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL KINDERGARTEN CENTRALISED REGISTRATION 2025

## PURPOSE

The purpose of these procedures is to outline the processes the Darebin Kindergarten Central Registration team abide by to ensure a consistent allocation of children's kindergarten placements for Early Childhood Education and Care Services (ECEC) on the Darebin Kindergarten Central Registration System. (DKCRS)

## OBJECTIVE

To ensure that three-year-old kindergarten (3YO) and four-year-old kindergarten (4YO) placements are allocated in an equitable manner in adherence with the *Victorian Department of Education Kindergarten Funding Guide (VDEKFG)* priority of access criteria and Darebin City Council's priority of access criteria.

Darebin City Council operates the, (DKCRS) on behalf of 26 participating ECEC (Kindergartens and Child Care ) within the municipality.

List of Participating services in Appendix (annex) A

Council provides the DKCRS to

- Simplify the process of registration for kindergarten for Darebin families.
- Support community managed kindergarten providers.
- Apply equity and fairness principles for families seeking kindergarten places
- Inform Council's early years services and infrastructure planning.

## SCOPE

This procedure applies to all registrations and placements of children into the ECEC (kindergarten and child care services) participating in the *DKCRS*.

DKCRS does not operate or manage any ECEC services in Darebin,

## INFORMATION ABOUT KINDERGARTEN

### THREE-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN (3YO)

In accordance with the *VDEKFG* children are eligible to attend one year of funded three-year-old kindergarten (3YO) if they are three-years-of age or older by the 30 April in the year they will be going

In Victoria, a child is eligible for funding at a single Kindergarten program only.

*Department of Education (DE)* has advised all services that there is not an option for families to do a second year of three-year-old kindergarten. Children will be expected to be registered for four-year-old kindergarten in the year after the child attends the funded three-year-old program.

Families with children born between January and April can choose which year to start at Three-Year-Old Kindergarten. These children can start in the same year they turn three, or in the year they turn four years of age.

**Due to staff requirements, some services may ask that children start attending at kindergarten only after their third birthday.** This may mean that some children may not start until part-way into Term 1 and have less time overall as part of a Three-Year-Old Kindergarten program, in comparison to their peers.

If this is the case for your child and you accept a place, kindergartens will hold your child's place until they are old enough to attend.

Kindergarten services will discuss with you directly about how they can support your child to join their program once they turn three.

NOTE- Children enrolled in three-year-old kindergarten are not automatically registered in the four-year-old kindergarten program. Families will need to register their interest to go onto the waiting list for allocation of 4-year-old kindergarten.

### FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

In accordance with the *VDEKFG*, children are eligible to attend funded four-year-old Kindergarten if they are four-years-of age or older by the 30 April in the year of attendance.

In Victoria, a child is eligible for funding at a single Kindergarten program only..

### TURNING SIX

As per the *VDEKFG*, children who turn six years of age during the kindergarten year must be exempted from attending school.

Families must apply for a school exemption before the child starts kindergarten by completing the appropriate State Government documentation.

This documentation must be submitted prior to 1 November in the year prior to the child turning six. Information regarding this process can be found on the DE.

website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/participating/Pages/schoolagekinder.aspx>.

## EARLY AGE ENTRY TO KINDERGARTEN

Early entry to kindergarten may be appropriate for some children. Information regarding early age entry can be found [Enrolment: School age requirements and age exemptions |](#)

## EARLY START KINDERGARTEN

Early start kindergarten (*ESK*) provides eligible children with access to a free or low-cost 15 hours per week kindergarten program for two years before starting school. Eligible kindergarten programs are offered with a Bachelor trained educator. Services can offer children a place in a three-year-old or four-year-old funded kindergarten program, or a mixed age group funded kindergarten program.

To be eligible for *ESK*, the child must be three-year-old by 30 April in the year they start kindergarten **and** meet one of the following three criteria:

- The child identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- the family has had contact with Child Protection or been referred to Orange Door or Child FIRST
- The child or family are refugee or asylum seekers
- the child holds or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:
  - Refugee visa (subclass 200)
  - In-country special humanitarian visa (subclass 201)
  - Global special humanitarian visa (subclass 202)
  - Emergency rescue visa (subclass 203)
  - Woman at risk visa (subclass 204)
  - Humanitarian stay visa (subclass 449)
  - Temporary protection visa (subclass 785)
  - Temporary (humanitarian concern) visa (subclass 786)
  - Safe haven enterprise visa (subclass 790)
  - Protection visa (subclass 866)
  - Bridging visas for any of the above refugee or asylum seeker visas

For more information, visit [Early Start Kindergarten | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

Darebin Kindergarten Registration Team Officers are available for families to contact please ask for the CRES Officer.

## IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR PRE-PREP IN 2026?

Pre-Prep starts next year across Victoria for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- children from a refugee or asylum seeker background
- children who have had contact with Child Protection, or
- any child accessing Early Start Kindergarten or Access to Early Learning in 2025.

Early Childhood Education and Care Services in Darebin will be offering Pre-Prep to eligible children from next year.

If your child is eligible, they will be entitled to more hours of play based learning in the year before school.

For a full list of kindergartens in Darebin and advice on how to register, visit [darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

## KOORI KIDS SHINE

Koorie Kids Shine promotes participation in kinder for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

From 2025, Four-Year-Old Kinder will start to transition to Pre-Prep, with kinder programs across Victoria increasing from 15 to 30 hours each week. In 2026, up to 25 hours of Pre-Prep will be available statewide for Victorian children who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

To be eligible, the child must turn three or four-years- old by 30 April in the year they will be going to kindergarten and identify as Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander.

Kinder programs work hard to create culturally safe places for Koorie children and families and include Aboriginal perspectives in the learning curriculum and environment. In kinder children will learn to build their own sense of identity and how their own culture relates to the diversity in the world around them.

"I sent my children to kinder because I wanted them to be ready for school. Kinder made them smart, proud, strong and resilient. Now they're sending their children too." – Aunty Esme, a proud Bangerang, Taungurung and Wiradjuri woman.

Families are encouraged to talk with their child's teacher about their own cultures and beliefs, and how these can be incorporated into the activities at kinder.

### What happens at kinder?

Kinder is a program where your child will be able to learn through experiences and activities such as dance, movement and art, as well as building the skills they need for reading, writing and maths when they start school.

At kinder, your child will learn:

- through play, art, music and dance
- to express themselves in a safe, inclusive and caring environment
- skills and confidence to prepare them for school

[Kindergarten for Aboriginal children: Koorie Kids Shine | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

Contact the closest Koorie Education Coordinator: [Contact a Koorie education coordinator | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#) Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESOs) employed by the DE are available to support Koorie families in accessing services and supports to ensure the best start in life for Koorie children.

## DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS – PRE SCHOOL FIELD OFFICERS

The Preschool Field Officer (PSFO) program is a free consultation and coaching service designed to help Victorian government-funded kindergarten services enhance their capacity to support children with diverse learning needs,

focusing on inclusion, access, learning, development, and meaningful participation.

The PSFO program builds on the expertise of early childhood educators and is targeted at strengthening their skills, knowledge, and confidence.

PSFOs work directly with educators to:

- Assist in identifying a child's learning needs through observations and collaboration.
- Provide practical advice, resources, and strategies for supporting children.
- Offer coaching and model specific strategies to support inclusive practices.
- Help educators navigate referral pathways to additional services.
- Facilitate connections to other Darebin Early Years services to support the child's development.

This support empowers educators to plan and deliver a responsive, inclusive kindergarten program that meets the diverse needs of all children.

For more information and a helpful factsheet please visit Preschool Field Officer Program

Email: [psfo.referral@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:psfo.referral@darebin.vic.gov.au)

Phone: 0460 544 531

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Darebin City Council uses the Hub Hello software system to assist with the allocation of Kindergarten and Child Care at some participating services in Darebin.

### ALLOCATION TIMELINES

Registration for three and four-year-old open the year prior to attendance on 1 March. Registrations cut off on 30 June for round one allocation. Registration can be made any time after this date for any remaining vacancies.

Activity	Date	What happens
Three and four-year-old kindergarten	1 March	Registrations open for services that are with the Darebin Registration System
Cut-off date for round one offers	30 June	Registrations for round one only close
Registrations received after 30 June	1 July	Registrations received after 30 June and will be accepted and will be considered after Round one offers are completed

Activity	Date	What happens
Four-year-old kindergarten – Round one		
Four-year-old round one offers sent	July	Round one offers <sup>1</sup> for <b>FIRST</b> selected service <b>only</b> , Darebin Residents only, sent to families
Due Date	Within two days from offer	<sup>2</sup> Families to accept or decline the offer.
Families who don't respond to offer	On the third day from offer	Courtesy contact via, phone and email to families confirming their response. Families who do not respond will have the offer withdrawn. Families will be notified and their registration will be archived until they make contact with the Registration Team.
Three-year-old kindergarten – Round one		
Three-year-old round one offers sent	August	Round one offers <sup>1</sup> for <b>FIRST</b> selected service <b>only</b> Darebin Residents only, sent to families
Due Date	Within two days of offer	<sup>2</sup> Families to accept or decline the offer
Families who don't respond to offer	On the third day from offer	Courtesy contact via, phone and email to families confirming their response. Families who do not respond will have the offer withdrawn. Families will be notified and their registration will be archived until they make contact with the Registration Team.

1. Round one offers  
→ Places are not guaranteed due to the capacity of individual funded kindergarten programs.  
→ Non Darebin Residents will be eligible after Round one and Two have been completed
2. Due Date → Due date for responses of offers is not negotiable.

Activity	Date	What Happens
Four-year-old kindergarten – offers after round one depending on vacancies		
Four-year-old offers after round one	Early September	Families are offered vacant places using all of their selected services.
Due Date	Within two days of offer	Families to accept or decline the offer
Families who don't respond to offer	On the third day from offer	Courtesy contact via, phone and email to families confirming their response.

		Families who do not respond will have the offer withdrawn. Families will be notified and their registration will be archived until they make contact with the Registration Team.
Three-year-old kindergarten- Offers after round one depending on vacancies		
Three-year-old offers after round one	Mid-September	Families are offered vacant places using all of their selected services.
Due Date	Within two days of Offer	Families to accept or decline the offer
Families who don't respond to offer	On the third day from offer	Courtesy contact via, phone and email to families confirming their response. Families who do not respond will have the offer withdrawn. Families will be notified and their registration will be archived until they make contact with the Registration Team.

## HOW TO REGISTER

1. Go to [www.darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)
2. Click on the link: online registration portal
3. Select sign up for waitlist
4. Complete all areas of the registration form
5. Download documents to support the registration
6. Proof of child's Darebin Address
7. Proof of Concession card (if the family has one)
8. Submit the registration

A confirmation email will be generated via the HH system, where families will receive a unique username and password.

Families can register for either sessional kindergartens or integrated kindergartens, families are unable to register for a sessional kindergarten and an integrated kindergarten service.

Registrations open on 1 March each year for the following year.

The HH system allows families to view and update their registration waitlist details, it does not advise families where their child sits on the waiting list.

It is a family's responsibility to ensure the details on the system are always kept current and are correct.

If families are unable to access the portal, the registration team will be able to assist them.

The Registration Team will be available by appointment on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Darebin's Preston Customer Service Offices, 274 Gower St Preston

Appointments can be made by contacting a team member.

Email: [registration.kindergartenchildcare@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:registration.kindergartenchildcare@darebin.vic.gov.au)

Phone: 8470 8825

## REGISTRATION FEE

There is no fee to register for three-year-old or four-year-old kindergarten registrations.

## PRIORITY OF ACCESS

DKCRS follows the VDEKFG priority of access criteria and in adherence to Darebin City Council's priority of access criteria outlined in the chart below.

Priority	CRITERIA	
Priority 1	Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out-of-Home Care	<p>The child is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending a three-year-old kindergarten program through Early Start Kindergarten or Access to Early Learning, or is</li> <li>• Referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Protection</li> <li>- Child and family services (family services referral and support tea)</li> <li>- Child FIRST/integrated family services/connect case worker</li> <li>- Maternal and Child health nurse, or</li> <li>- Out-of-Home Care provider</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children	As part of the enrolment process, service providers must respectfully ask families 'Is your child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?'
	Asylum seeker and refugee children	As appropriate visa identifies the child and/or parents as a refugee or asylum seeker.
	Children eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy (KFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A child or parent holds a Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran's Affairs Card, or</li> <li>• Multiple birth children (triplets, quadruplets)</li> </ul>
	Children eligible for Early Start Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>• Your family has had contact with Child Protection or been referred to Orange Door or Child FIRST</li> <li>• Your child holds or has a parent or guardian who holds an approved concession card</li> </ul>
	Children with additional needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require additional assistance in order to fully participate in the kindergarten program</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require a combination of services which are individually planned</li> <li>• Have an identified specific disability or Developmental delay</li> </ul> <p>The child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is assessed as having delays in two or more areas and is declared eligible for a second funded year of kindergarten</li> <li>• Holds a Child Disability Health Care Card</li> <li>• Has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support Package, or referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The National Disability Insurance Scheme</li> <li>- Early Childhood intervention Service</li> <li>- Preschool Field Officer, or</li> <li>- Maternal and Child Health nurse</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Children currently attending Child Care (Long Day Care) at one of the participating Child Care services.	Internal families will sign with Child Care Service for the kindergarten program. These families are placed prior to allocation. Internal families who choose to register with DKCRS for another service, DCKRS team will inform the service.
Priority 2	Child's home address is in Darebin (proof of residence required)	
	The funded kindergarten program is closest to a child's home	
	Child's sibling has attended the first selected service within two years.	
	Child has attended a three-year-old program at their first selected service (for four-year-old kindergarten registrations)	
	Child is in a family which has a member with a disability	
Priority 3	Families who are not Darebin residents will be eligible for Round 3 allocation	

## KINDERGARTEN ROUNDS

Round one allocation is for families first selected kindergarten only, and all families that register between 1 March and 30 June are eligible to be in this round.

Four-year-old kindergarten will be allocated in July

Three-year-old kindergarten will be allocated in August

Round two allocation and subsequent allocations is for all the selected kindergartens families have chosen.

**Due to capacity of funded kindergarten places offered, there is no guarantee that you will be offered your 1<sup>st</sup> selected kindergarten.**

## KINDERGARTEN OFFERS

Families are encouraged to visit and speak directly with services to find out information about the kindergarten, session times, hours and days.

Families can select either Sessional Kindergarten or Integrated Kindergarten, they can choose up to 3 kindergartens. Families should only select kindergartens where they are prepared to accept a place.

Kindergarten places are first allocated to children who meet the *VDEKFG* and Darebin Priority of Access. Remaining allocations are then made through a randomised electronic software program. Places are filled depending on the vacancies provided to the registration team from individual kindergartens.

There is no guarantee that families who attended the service for funded three-year-old kindergarten will receive a place at the same service for four-year-old kindergarten as it depends upon the Priority of Access families.

## MAKING OFFERS

1. The Hub Hello system will randomly generate offers to the successful families
2. Families will receive a sms and an email advising them of an offer.
3. Families who are unsuccessful with receive an email from the DKCRS Team.

## ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS

Families will have two working days (48 hours) to accept or decline an offer by:

- Accessing their HH account
- Calling the registration team on 84708825
- Emailing the registration team on
  - [Registration.kindergartenchildcare@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:Registration.kindergartenchildcare@darebin.vic.gov.au)

## DECLINING OR REFUSAL OF OFFERS

Families will have two working days (48 hours) to decline an offer by

- Accessing their HH account
- Calling the registration team on 870 8825
- Emailing the registration team on
  - [Registration.kindergartenchildcare@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:Registration.kindergartenchildcare@darebin.vic.gov.au)

## NO RESPONSE TO OFFERS

### **If there is no response to the offer by the due date:**

- Attempts will be made to contact families who do not respond to an offer.
- The registration team will contact families via, phone, SMS and email.
- If there is no response the offer will be withdrawn and the registration archived.

The families will be notified in writing that the offer has been withdrawn and their child's registration has been archived.

The record will be reinstated once the family has made contact with the registration team.

## CHANGES TO REGISTRATION

Families can update their registration through the online portal. If you are unable to access the portal, phone or email the Registration Team.

## NOT SUCCESSFUL

Families who are not successful after round one will be notified by email and the registration team will be in contact with them shortly after.

## UNFUNDED PLACEMENTS

The registration system only allocates registrations for funded kindergarten programs.

## SECOND YEAR OF FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Services participating in the *DCCKRS* will advise the Registration team of a list of children for consideration for a second year through the Department of Education. They will get priority into their preferred service.

Families attending a funded 4-year-old kindergarten program not through the Registration System are required to provide the Registration Team in writing a statement from their current service that they have submitted an application to the Department of Education for consideration. Only after receiving this statement is your child able to be added to the Registration system.

Applications are determined by the *VDEKFG* and are subject to approval. [-Kindergarten-Funding-Guide-v6.pdf \(education.vic.gov.au\)](#)

Further details regarding criteria for second year of funding should be discussed with the service.

If registration for a second year of funded kindergarten occurs after 30 June, the registration will be treated as a priority. If the current service has no availability, the registration will be top priority when a place becomes available.

## REGISTRATION FOR INTEGRATED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OFFERED IN A CHILD CARE SERVICE

Integrated kindergarten programs running in Child Care services charge a daily fee, and costs are set by each service.

If a family is currently attending a Child Care service which is on the Registration System, they do not need to register for the funded kindergarten program within the same service.

**It is essential you contact your service for a written procedure and agreement for this process.** This agreement will provide further details of key dates and obligations under the arrangement.

Families wanting to attend a different Kindergarten service to the one offered at their Child Care service are required to complete an online registration, as per the central registration process as outline above.

Depending on the service policy and procedures, this may result in families not receiving child care days at the service for the following year.

If a family has submitted a registration form with the Darebin Kindergarten Registration System for a different service, Council will process the registration and cancel the registration received by the Child Care service. The Registration Team will advise the Director/Enrolments Officer at the Child Care service that the family will not be requiring an integrated place and to remove you from their list.

This ensures families are registered for only one service and all families have fair and equitable access to a kindergarten program.

## KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FEES IN INTEGRATED SERVICES

Fees are set by individual kindergartens and will vary between services. Families are advised to discuss the fee policy with their chosen kindergarten.

Kindergarten is currently fully government funded for three and four-year-old. Services are unable to charge a program fee. Sessional kindergarten programs operating as a standalone service are free.

Integrated kindergarten programs operating in child care services charge a daily fee and this attracts CCS(if applicable) speak to your service about any fees and charges you will incur.

Once again in this situation kindergarten is not completely free, but often delivered at a lower cost.

## ENROLMENT PROCESS AT THE SERVICE

Once a family has accepted an offer, the Registration Team will provide the families registration details to the service they have been placed at.

Services will begin contacting families to start the Kindergarten Services enrolment process with the families.

This process may commence in September through to December.

Families are advised to reach out to the service if they haven't heard from them within 10 days of being placed.

Families may need to provide the Kindergarten with the following information:

- The child's name and address and details of any diverse learning requirements
- Information about the families and any other parents, carers or guardians in the child's life
- Details of people who can collect the child
- The child's birth certificate or other identity documents
- The child's medical health and immunisation status (see immunisation section)
- Details of any parenting orders or legal matters to do with the care or safety of your child.

Families are encouraged to read all the enrolment forms carefully and provide all required information. There may be fees or charges that can be charged to them if they don't meet the obligations of the kindergarten service.

If you don't understand anything on the forms, ask the kindergarten service to explain it to you

## TRANSFER OF PLACE

Once a kindergarten place has been allocated it is not transferable between kindergartens unless the requested kindergarten has vacancies, and there are no other children are on the Registration System waiting for that service.

## EXHAUSTED WAIT LIST FOR A SERVICE

If services receive a walk-in from a family seeking child care and there is no one on the waiting list through the DKCCR Registration System then the follow steps can be followed:

- Service to confirm with the registration team there is no family currently waiting for this place.
- Instruct the family to register through the Darebin website.
- Advise the family that care cannot commence until the families receives an email from the registration team advising them they have been placed at the service.
- If there is more than one enquiry for the vacancy, the priority of access guidelines will apply.
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For all enquiries about Kindergarten in Darebin please contact the Kindergarten Registration Team:

ph: 8470 8825 or email: [Registration.KindergartenChildCare@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:Registration.KindergartenChildCare@darebin.vic.gov.au)

For helpful information about kindergarten, children's services, immunisation, family support services, including maternal and child health and supported playgroups please visit us at: [Children and families | City of Darebin](#)

## IMMUNISATION

The **No Jab, No Play** legislation applies to all early childhood education and care services in Victoria that provide long day care, kindergarten, occasional care and family day care.

Families planning to enrol their child at childcare or kindergarten in Victoria must provide the service with:

- A current Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR); AND
- The statement must show that the child is up to date with all vaccinations that are due for their age, or that they are able to receive.

Further information about the Darebin Immunisation Service is available on the Darebin website at [www.darebin.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/immunisation).

Phone: 8470 8562

Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday

Email: [immunise@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunise@darebin.vic.gov.au)

## COMPLAINTS – ABOUT A SERVICE

Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services in the City of Darebin are managed by a diverse range of providers, including parent Committees of Management, Commercial operators and Early Years Management Services.

If you are concerned about your child's education, care, or licensed children's service, you should raise your concerns with the service first.

1. All early childhood services must have a written policy and procedure that states who you need to speak to about your complaint, how they will respond, and which complaints must be notified to the department.
2. The name and the telephone number of the person who deals with complaints must also be displayed at the entrance to the service. For family day care, these details will be located in the service's principal office. If your complaint cannot be resolved by the service, you should then raise it with the department.

[Give feedback or make a complaint to the Department of Education](#)

## COMPLAINTS –ABOUT THE PROCESS

The kindergarten Central Registration Team welcomes feedback from services, families and carers about their experience using the Kindergarten Central Registration Scheme.

You can provide feedback at any time by calling or emailing the team. Every Year, our team reviews the Kindergarten Central Registration Scheme to make sure we are providing the best service possible. At the end of the registration period, we'll send a survey to all families and kindergarten providers, so they can give us feedback. Darebin City Council has procedures and policies in place to respond to any complaints regarding dissatisfaction with the Council's level and quality of service.

*Darebin City Council ("Council") collects, holds and manages personal information under the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014(Vic) ("PDP Act"). On the Form for kindergarten and child care registration, Council will manage health information under the Health Records Act 2001 ("HR Act") when you answer yes for Question 9-11 and the below will apply as per personal information.*

The personal information that families have provided on their child's kindergarten or child care registration form will be used to inform Children and Community Development Department to plan for infrastructure and services that families may require.

Darebin has an agreement with participating child care and kindergarten services to operate the registration system, for this reason the personal information will be shared with these participating services after children have been placed for a program at the service.

The Council may provide personal information to its agents, for instance lawyers or accountants.

At times, the Council may be legally required to disclose personal information, for instance to the police, courts or The Orange Door who is a voluntary support service for women children and families.

If families choose not to provide the child's personal information, we will be unable to assess their eligibility for kindergarten registration and cannot provide a place at a kindergarten.





Early Childhood Education Services listed with the Darebin Registration System  
(Kindergarten: Integrated- (and Child Care - Daily Fee). Sessional Kindergarten – (Standalone - Free)

[Find A Kinder Program - Department of Education](#) – Kindergarten Tick

[ACECQA](#) – The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority

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[www.startingblocks.gov.au](http://www.startingblocks.gov.au) Starting Blocks find and compare services

Opening Hours	Service Name	Service Type	Street Address	Phone	Website	
<b>Neighborhood – Fairfield, Alphington</b>						
Mon-Fri 8.30am –4.00pm	Alfred Nuttall Memorial Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	34 Separation St Fairfield	9489 0262	<a href="http://www.alfrednuttallkinder.org.au">www.alfrednuttallkinder.org.au</a>	
Mon - Frid 7.30am– 6.30pm	Perry Street Child Care Centre & Elizabeth Gorman Memorial Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	129 Perry St Fairfield	9489 2949	<a href="http://www.perrystreet.com.au">www.perrystreet.com.au</a>	
<b>Neighborhood – Northcote</b>						
Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.00 pm	Westgarth Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	557 Clarke Street Northcote	9486 4147	<a href="http://www.wgkg.vic.edu.au">www.wgkg.vic.edu.au</a>	



Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6.00pm	Annie Dennis Children's Centre	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	2 Oldis Avenue Northcote	9486 7638	<a href="http://www.anniedennis.org.au">www.anniedennis.org.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.30 pm	Balit Community Kindergarten (formerly Batman Park Kindergarten)	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	79 Elm Street Northcote	9481 0237	<a href="http://www.bpk.org.au">www.bpk.org.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6.00pm	Clifton Street Children's Centre	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	55 Clifton Street Northcote	9486 3299	<a href="http://www.cliftoncc.org.au">www.cliftoncc.org.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6.00pm	Merri Community Childcare Centre & Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	313 St. Georges Road Thornbury	9416 9227	<a href="http://www.merriccc.com.au">www.merriccc.com.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6.00pm	Raleigh Street Community Childrens Centre	3 & 4-year-old Funded Integrated Kindergarten	28 Raleigh Street Thornbury	9484 2440	<a href="http://www.raleighst.org">www.raleighst.org</a>	
	Raleigh Street Community Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional & <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	2A Raleigh Street Thornbury	9484 2440	<a href="http://www.raleighst.org">www.raleighst.org</a>	
Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.00 pm	Clyde Street Uniting Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	70 Clyde Street Thornbury	9484 4140	<a href="http://www.earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au/kindergarten/thornbury-clyde-uniting-kindergarten">www.earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au/kindergarten/thornbury-clyde-uniting-kindergarten</a>	

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.00 pm	Thornbury Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	8C Newcastle Street Thornbury	9484 1095	<a href="http://www.thornburykindergarten.com.au">www.thornburykindergarten.com.au</a>	
Tues and Thurs 8.30am – 4.00pm	Darebin Creek Kindergarten (on site of Thornbury High School) OPENING 2025	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	238 Collins Street Thornbury	TBA	<a href="http://www.ecms.org.au">www.ecms.org.au</a>	
<b>Neighborhood – Preston, Preston West, Coburg North</b>						
Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6.30pm	Nara Community Early Learning Centre	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	77-91 St Georges Rd Preston	9471 9914	<a href="http://www.naracommunity.com">www.naracommunity.com</a>	
Monday to Friday 8.30am – 4.00 pm	Gower Street Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	146 Gower Street Preston	9478 5374	<a href="http://www.gowerstreetkindergarten.com">www.gowerstreetkindergarten.com</a>	
Monday to Friday 7.00am – 6.00pm	Darebin Childcare and Kindergarten – Preston	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	260 Gower Street Preston	9471 3780	<a href="http://www.dccandk.org.au">www.dccandk.org.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6.00pm	Happy Hubbub	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	239A Murray Road Preston	1300 482 282	<a href="http://www.happyhubbub.com.au">www.happyhubbub.com.au</a>	

	J. S. Grey Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	524 Gilbert Road Preston West	9470 5836	<a href="http://www.jsgreykindergarten.org.au">www.jsgreykindergarten.org.au</a>	
<b>Neighborhood – Reservoir – more information</b>						
	Blake Street Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	109 Blake Street Reservoir	9478 8037	<a href="http://www.blakestreetkinder.ndcka.org.au">www.blakestreetkinder.ndcka.org.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 7.00am – 6.00pm	Oakhill Family Centre	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	91 North Road Reservoir	9470 1914	<a href="http://www.ecms.org.au">www.ecms.org.au</a>	
	Oakhill Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	12 Acheron Avenue Reservoir	9470 1914	<a href="http://www.ecms.org.au">www.ecms.org.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 7.00am – 6.00pm	Darebin Childcare and Kindergarten Reservoir	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	6-8 Kenilworth Street Reservoir	9469 2226	<a href="http://www.dccandk.org.au">www.dccandk.org.au</a>	
	Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	26 Gellibrand Crescent Reservoir	9460 5862	<a href="http://www.gellibrandkinder.ndcka.org.au">www.gellibrandkinder.ndcka.org.au</a>	

	Keon Park Childrens Hub Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	1-3 Dole Ave Reservoir	9460 6557	<a href="http://www.ecms.org.au">www.ecms.org.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 7.00am – 6.00pm	Merrilands Uniting Early Learning	3 & 4-year-old Funded <b>Integrated Kindergarten</b>	23-25 Ryan Street Reservoir	9460 4674	<a href="http://www.earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au">www.earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au</a>	
Monday to Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm	Keon Park Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	75 Arundel Ave Reservoir	9460 1271	<a href="http://www.kpkindergarten.org.au">www.kpkindergarten.org.au</a>	
Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm	Reservoir East Primary School Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	15 Gisborne Crescent Reservoir	9474 4865	<a href="http://www.kidsfirstaustralia.org.au">www.kidsfirstaustralia.org.au</a>	
<b>Neighborhood – Bundoora Kingsbury</b>						
	Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten	3 & 4-year-old Funded Sessional Kindergarten	35 Copernicus Crescent Bundoora	9460 5882	<a href="http://www.marybooroughkinder.ndc ka.org.au">www.marybooroughkinder.ndc ka.org.au</a>	