

# Kindergarten Information Fact Sheet

## 2020 Enrolments



### Centralised Enrolments

Melton City Council manages a central enrolment process for 20 sessional kindergartens within the municipality.

Melton City Council is responsible for processing the application for your child for the purpose of allocating a place at kindergarten.

Once your child has been allocated a kindergarten place, details are passed onto the kindergarten Early Years Manager. All future correspondence will come directly from the kindergarten and include a full enrolment into the service.

(Please see allocation timelines below)

**The Melton City Council central enrolment service does not include funded kindergarten provided in long day care centres.**

### Your child is ELIGIBLE for 4 year old kindergarten in 2020 if:

Your child turns 4 years old on or before Tuesday 30 April 2020

### When do 2020 kindergarten applications open:

Wednesday 13 March 2019

### When do applications for first round kindergarten offers close:

Friday 7 June 2019

**(Please note applications that are not received by this date will be included in the second and subsequent round of offers)**

### When are first round offer letters posted out to families:

Week commencing 24 June 2019

**(Please allow time for letters to arrive in the post)**

### How are applications prioritised:

The Department of Education and Training's Kindergarten Guide requires central enrolment schemes to have a clear priority of access in determining order of priority for kindergarten places. More information Melton City Council's Four Year Old Kindergarten Central Enrolment Policy can be found at [melton.vic.gov.au/Services/People/Children/Kindergarten](http://melton.vic.gov.au/Services/People/Children/Kindergarten)

### When are second round kindergarten offers processed:

Week commencing 28 June 2019

### When are second round offer letters posted out to families:

Week commencing 10 July 2019

**(Please allow time for letters to arrive in the post)**



## **When will I receive information from my accepted kindergarten regarding commencement procedures, including session times, days and fee information:**

Between late August 2019 and October 2019

**This information is provided directly from the kindergarten provider not Council.**

## **Kindergartens Located on School Sites:**

Enrolling your child into a Melton City Council Kindergarten on a school site does not confirm your child's entry into the school the following year.

For further information in relation to school zoning boundaries and school enrolment processes, contact your local primary school.

## **Deferrals:**

What is a deferral?

A deferral is when a child commences Kindergarten, however is assessed as not being ready by the parent and teacher. This must occur within the first few weeks of term 1.

In this instance, the child's placement can be deferred to the following year. This means that a re-enrolment is not required and the child will be guaranteed a placement in the kindergarten of choice.

Please Note: Teacher/educator is required to submit a referral for a deferral.

## **Second Year of Kindergarten:**

The Kindergarten Guide indicates that the Early Childhood teacher, in consultation with the parents/guardians, will assess children who are eligible for a second year of funded Kindergarten.

The Guide states that a child is eligible to receive a second year of funded Kindergarten if:

**The child is observed by the Early Childhood teacher as having delays in at least two outcome areas of learning and development**

**Detailed in the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework**

There is evidence to suggest that the child will achieve better outcomes if they attend a second year of funded Kindergarten to strengthen the learning and development of skills in these areas and better facilitate transition to school the following year.

If you are unsure of your child's readiness please discuss with the kindergarten teacher in the first term to ensure sufficient time for your child to be withdrawn from the funded program if required and re enrolled the following year

## **Early Start Kindergarten:**

Early Start Kindergarten provides free Kindergarten to eligible three year old children where programs are offered by a qualified teacher.

Children receive 2 years of Kindergarten in a funded program.

**Any child that meets the below criteria is eligible to attend Early Start Kindergarten**

- Child has turned 3 years by 30 April of the year of attendance at Kindergarten
- and is:
- Known to Child Protection/Child FIRST
  - Is of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander origin.