



MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL KINDERGARTEN CENTRAL REGISTRATION 2025



3YO & 4YO KINDERGARTEN

moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens



WHAT IS KINDERGARTEN AND WHO IS IT FOR?

Kindergarten is a program for young children in the two years before starting school. The program is delivered by a qualified Early Childhood Teacher. Attending kindergarten enhances children's health and well-being, social skills, confidence, and independence. It encourages a love of learning which helps children with a smooth transition to primary school.

Kindergarten is free for children attending kindergarten at participating services.

Your child can attend kindergarten in 2025 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 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.

PARTICIPATING KINDERGARTENS

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

DARLEY KINDERGARTEN

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

BACCHUS MARSH MONTESSORI UNITING KINDERGARTEN

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

WALLACE & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN

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

Cnr McCormacks and Gladman Rds,
Maddingley 3340
03 84811117
enrolments@ecms.org.au
www.ecms.org.au

BALLAN COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

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

BALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Service
Provider to be advised
late 2024



HOW TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

1. Decide which kindergarten will best meet your needs

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

2. Apply through Council's Central Registration system. 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)

3. Accept the place after you receive an offer

4. Formally enrol with your kindergarten when they contact you later in the year



*If a registration is incomplete, you will be contacted via email or phone. Your registration will not be processed until outstanding documentation 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.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIMELINE

4 MARCH 2024 First round registrations open.

21 JUNE 2024 Registrations for first round offers **close**. (Please note registrations that are not received by this date will be included in subsequent round of offers)

JULY 2024 First round offers emailed to families.

23 AUGUST 2024 Registrations for second round offers **close**.

SEPTEMBER 2024 Second round offers emailed to families. Kindergartens receive admission details for all accepted places from Council.

FROM OCTOBER 2024 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 2025 - 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 Kindergarten Central 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 are:

- known to Child Protection and/or;
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and/or;
- from a refugee or asylum seeker background.

Applications for Early Start Kindergarten funding are made by the Kindergarten 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 Years and Youth 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



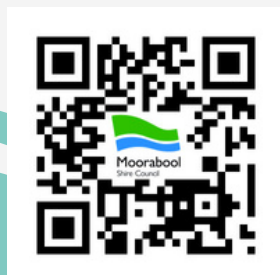
PRIVACY & CONFIDENTIALITY

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

EarlyYears@moorabool.vic.gov.au



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