

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is eligible to attend a funded Kindergarten program in 2020.

Why should I send my child to kindergarten?

At kindergarten your child will grow socially and emotionally. Their ability to think, use and recognise language and their fine motor skills will be developed through play, art, dance, music, movement and interacting with others.

Most importantly, your child will be learning to become an effective learner as they develop and extend their communication skills, build their self-confidence, learn to be creative, and develop skills that assist them with reading, writing and mathematics.

The benefits of kindergarten

Kindergarten programs are designed to improve your child's development in the following key areas:

- social skills, like how to play with other children in a calm, sharing and rewarding way
- self-awareness and respect for others
- emotional skills, for example understanding their feelings
- language, literacy and numeracy skills, such as reading stories and counting objects
- a joy for learning and group activities, such as talking, drawing and making things together with other children their own age
- ability to make new friends
- exposure to new ideas and concepts.

Kindergarten also provides families with access to:

- support and assistance for children with special needs
- resources and links to community support services.

When should I send my child to kindergarten?

Children go to kindergarten in the year before school, usually when they are four years old. However, some services and centres also offer kindergarten programs for three-year-old children.

You can enrol your child in a funded kindergarten program in a variety of settings, including children's centres, long day care centres, community kindergartens, independent schools and a small number of government schools. A range of organisations manage these programs including local government, parent committees, community organisations, private operators, independent schools and some government schools.

Fifteen hour programs

Victoria provides all children with access to a quality early childhood education program for 15 hours a week in the year before they start school.

There is significant benefit for children in attending a quality early childhood education program. Increasing kindergarten hours and access to programs in a range of different early childhood settings further increases that benefit.

Providing all children access to quality 15 hour early childhood education programs in the year before school:

- recognises that quality early childhood education programs improve children's learning, health and behaviour with positive impacts extending into adult life
- enables children and families to have access to a high quality developmental program in a range of settings such as public, private and community-based kindergartens and child care services
- supports a successful transition to school.

At YMCA Clyde North Early learning Centre we have a funded Kindergarten program that is run by a fully qualified Bachelor of Early Childhood Teacher (Kindergarten Teacher). Our Kindergarten program currently runs from 9.00am-2.00pm daily with the benefit of your child being able to access our early learning programs over the whole day (6.30am-6.30pm).

Your gap fees remain the same whilst your child attends our program and allows for flexibility for working parents or parents requiring more than 15 hours per week (this is dependent on your child care subsidy eligible hours).

To be considered in the funded program children must attend 3 days per week.

If you would like to enroll you child in our Kindergarten program please complete below details form and return to the office ASAP.

Kind regards

Management

Kindergarten Enrolment 2020

CHILDS NAME:

PARENTS NAME:.....

PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW THE REQUIRED DAYS FOR KINDERGARTEN IN 2020

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Please complete the following:

I/we confirm that our child
..... is enrolled in the 4 year old Kindergarten program at
YMCA Clyde North ELC in 2021.

My child will not be attending another funded Kindergarten program.

Signature/s:.....

Date:.....

If you would like any further information regarding our Kindergarten program please leave your contact details below and our Kindergarten teacher will be in contact with you to make a suitable time for a meeting.

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