

FAQ



These FAQs relate to questions about Council's new funded three-year-old kindergarten program. Three-year-old kindergarten programs are also delivered by other providers (volunteer committees of management and independent providers). Questions about non-council programs should be directed to the individual provider.

For more information or to provide specific guidance for families, please forward enquiries to cyfprojects@casey.vic.gov.au

What kindergarten programs does Council currently provide?

Council currently provides a funded four-year-old kindergarten program. Council does not currently provide any three-year-old kindergarten programs. There are volunteer committees of management and independent providers who currently provide play or activity-based programs for younger children in the City of Casey.

Will Council be a provider of 3-year-old kindergarten in 2022?

Yes, Council will deliver a three-year-old kindergarten program. There are also other independent providers and volunteer committees of management who provide kindergarten programs in the City of Casey.

When will funded three-year-old kindergarten in Casey start?

From the beginning of the 2022 educational year.

How many hours of three-year-old kindergarten will Council provide?

In 2022, children attending in Council managed kindergartens will be able to access five hours per week in a kindergarten program.

Where will three-year-old kindergarten be offered?

The three-year-old program will be delivered from a number of our existing centres, although we are still working through the details of which program can be provided at each location. Our existing facilities are able to accommodate five hours of three-year-old kindergarten in 2022.

Three-year-old kindergarten will also be delivered by other committees of management and independent providers.

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How do I register for the three-year-old program?	We expect to be able to register your child for 3-year-old kindergarten from July 2021. At this stage we will only be taking registrations for children starting 3-year-old kindergarten in 2022. More details will be made available over coming months.
My child is already registered for 4-year-old, will I need to register my child again?	Council is still working on processes for registering children for 3-year-old kindergarten. At this stage it is likely you will need to complete a separate registration for this program. You will know more about this before registering your child from July 2021.
When will central enrolment open for 3-year-old kindergarten?	Registrations via central enrolment will open from July 2021.
What will it cost?	Kindergarten fees for Council's 3-year-old kindergarten program are still being determined. Your fees will go towards maintaining and operating the kindergarten and cover the gap between the cost to run the kindergarten and funding from the government. The free kindergarten initiative funded by the Victoria Government concludes at the end of 2021.
How old does my child need to be to begin three-year-old kindergarten?	If your child is born between 1 January and 30 April you can register for kindergarten in the year your child turns three, or the following year. You need to decide when is best for your child to begin kindergarten. You need to make this decision before your child begins kindergarten. Please note your child needs to be three years of age before they commence 3-year-old kindergarten in a Council managed program. If your child is born between 1 January and 30 April, we will hold your child's kindergarten place until your child turns three and you will not be charged kindergarten fees for this period.
More information about three-year old kindergarten in Victoria	To find out more about funded 3-year-old kindergarten visit https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/three-year-old-kinder.aspx