

Three-year-old Kindergarten



To dream big, our kids need the best start in life

Early Start Kindergarten gives eligible children 15 hours of free or low-cost kindergarten a week for two years before starting school.

Free Kinder: Free Kinder is available for all 3- and 4-year-old children at participating Victorian services in standalone (sessional) kindergartens and long day care centres.

Early Start Kindergarten will continue to provide 15 hours of free or low-cost kindergarten per week to all eligible children in all areas across Victoria.

Children enrolled in Early Start Kindergarten are also eligible for Pre-Prep (more hours of Four-Year-Old Kindergarten) the following year, no matter where they live in the state.

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Three-Year-Old Kindergarten continues, with programs increasing to 15 hours a week across the state by 2029, providing Victorian children with two years of quality early learning before school.



For eligibility and how to apply visit Early Start Kindergarten here:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/early-start-kindergarten>