

MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026



3YO & 4YO KINDERGARTEN

moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens



WHO IS IT FOR?

Kindergarten is an early learning program for children in the two years before school entry. It is designed to engage children in quality learning experiences and provide them with opportunities to further develop their cognitive, creative, social, emotional and physical skills.

Under Victorian Government funding provisions, kindergarten is free for children attending kindergarten at participating service providers.

Your child can attend kindergarten in 2026 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 & Training 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

BALLAN COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

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

BALLAN EARLY EDUCATION

8-14 Duncan St, Ballan 3342
03 5368 1228
admin@ecka.org.au
www.ecka.org.au

WALLACE & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN

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

DARLEY KINDERGARTEN

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

WEST MADDINGLEY KINDERGARTEN

Cnr McCormacks and
Gladman Rds,
Maddingley 3340
03 4317 4723
enrolments@ecms.org.au
www.ecms.org.au

YOUNG ST PRESCHOOL

Cnr Young and Bennett St,
Bacchus Marsh 3340
03 5367 2443
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



HOW TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

- 1.** Decide which kindergarten will best meet your needs. Contact the kindergarten to learn about session times and to arrange a tour of the centre.
- 2.** Register through Council's Central Registration system by completing the online form at moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens
- 3.** Tell us you want to accept the place when receiving your offer.
- 4.** Formally enrol with your kindergarten when they contact you later in the year

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIMELINES

ROUND ONE	March - May 2025	Round one registrations for the following kindergarten year will be accepted from the start of March and close at the end of May.
ROUND ONE OFFERS	June 2025	Round one offers will be sent via email at the beginning of June.
ROUND TWO	June - July 2025	Round two registrations for the following kindergarten year will be accepted from the start of June and close at the end of July.
ROUND TWO OFFERS	August 2025	Round two offers will be sent via email at the beginning of August.

FURTHER INFORMATION

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION SUPPORT

If a registration is incomplete, you will be contacted via email or phone. Your registration will not be processed until all required supporting documentation is provided.

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.

NON-RESIDENTS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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 Central Kindergarten Registration Policy available at moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens

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 whose family is:

- known to Child Protection (including those referred directly from Child Protection to Child FIRST) and/or;
- are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and/or;
- from a refugee or asylum seeker background.

The Victorian Government is rolling out funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten – from five hours a week. During the roll-out, Early Start Kindergarten will continue to provide 15 hours a week of funded kindergarten. Applications for Early Start Kindergarten funding are made by the service on your behalf and the grant is paid directly to the service.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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 & Youth. 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*.

CONTACT US

Moorabool Shire Council Community Connections & Wellbeing

5366 7100

EarlyYears@moorabool.vic.gov.au



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