



Central Registration System (CRS)

Priority of Access (POA) criteria

2025/2026

Victorian Department of Education Criteria

	First year of kindergarten (3YO)	Second year of kindergarten (4YO)
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	●	●
Approved additional year of kindergarten	N/A	●
Children in out of home care (<i>this term refers to where there is placement of the children away from their parents, due to concern they are at risk of significant harm</i>)	●	●
Children known to child protection	●	●
Children with additional needs – referred by NDIS/ECIS/PSFO or MCH	●	●
Early Start Kindergarten	●	●
Multiple births (triplets / quadruplets)	●	●
Refugee or asylum seeker families	●	●
Subsidy card holders	●	●

Local Area Criteria

A child placed and attending their first year of kindergarten registered at the same kindergarten for their second year of kindergarten	N/A	●
Municipal tie - Live, work, study or have a child/children cared for in the municipality	●	●
Neighbourhood area – reside in same suburb as first preference	●	●
Siblings attending/attended the preferred kindergarten	●	●

❖ See next page for further information.



Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Parents, carers, guardians, or children who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander do not need to provide verification of this.

Approved additional year of kindergarten

Children in their second year of kindergarten who are eligible and have been approved by the Department of Education to have an additional year of kindergarten.

Children with additional needs

Defined as children who:

- ❖ Require additional assistance to fully participate in the kindergarten program.
- ❖ Require a combination of services, which are individually planned.
- ❖ Have an identified specific disability or developmental delay.
- ❖ Children who are assessed having delays in two or more areas are declared eligible for an additional year of funded kindergarten.
- ❖ The child holds a Child Disability Health Care Card
- ❖ Has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support Package, or referred by:
 - The National Disability Insurance Scheme
 - Early Childhood Intervention Service
 - Pre School-Field Officer, or
 - Maternal and Child Health Nurse

Early Start Kindergarten (ESK)

Gives eligible children 15 hours of kindergarten a week, for the two years before starting school.

To be eligible, your child must be 3 by 30th of April in the year they start kindergarten, and they are:

- ❖ from a refugee or asylum seeker background, or
- ❖ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or
- ❖ Known to child protection, or
- ❖ In Out of home care (*this term refers to where there is placement of the children away from their parents, due to concern they are at risk of significant harm*).

For more information or to register as ESK please contact a Child and Family Support Assistant on 1300 370 567.



Municipal Tie

Families who live, work or study within Wyndham, or have a child/children cared for in Wyndham.

Refugee or asylum seeker status

Child, parent, or guardian has refugee or asylum seeker status, holds a current or expired ImmiCard, or one of the following eligible Visa Subclasses:

200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 449, 785, 786, 790, 866

Or holds a Bridging Visa for any of the above Visa Subclasses.

Subsidy card holders

Child, parent, or guardian holds one of the following:

- ❖ A Commonwealth Health Care Card
- ❖ A Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
- ❖ A Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or White Card
- ❖ Disability Health Care Card

Neighbourhood area

Families who reside in same suburb as their first preference.

Further Information:

- ❖ Families may be required to provide appropriate proof as required to be allocated points per the Priority of Access criteria.
- ❖ Registered places are allocated in order from highest points to lowest points, according to the availability of a family's preferences.
- ❖ Where two or more children have the same points value, the Central Enrolment and Registration System will allocate randomly.
- ❖ Where a child has been on a waitlist for their first year of kindergarten but are allocated a place in their second year of kindergarten, their points for the second year of kindergarten will not be updated.
- ❖ In the best interest of all children and families, Wyndham City reserves the right to consider factors such as group size, group dynamic and other special considerations when allocating registered places to families.