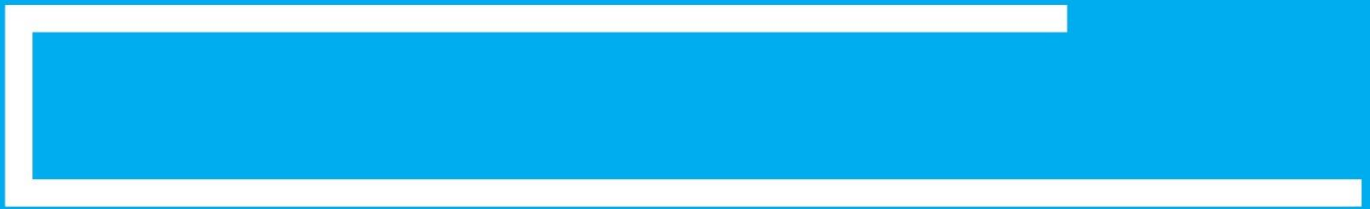


3-Year-Old Kindergarten Priority of Access



Department of Education and Training – High Priority Criteria*

High priority children	Process that could be used to verify need(s)
Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out-of-Home Care	<p>The child is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attending a three-year-old kindergarten program through Early Start Kindergarten or Access to Early Learning, or is • referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child Protection - Child and family services (family services referral and support team, Child FIRST/integrated family services/Services Connect case worker) - Maternal and Child Health nurse, or - Out-of-Home Care provider.
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children	As part of the enrolment process, service providers must respectfully ask families 'is your child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?' and record this information in KIM.
Asylum seeker and refugee children	An appropriate visa identifies the child and/or parents as a refugee or asylum seeker.
Children eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child or parent holds a Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran's Affairs Card, or • multiple birth children (triplets, quadruplets).
Children with additional needs, defined as children who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • require additional assistance in order to fully participate in the kindergarten program • require a combination of services which are individually planned • have an identified specific disability or developmental delay 	<p>The child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is assessed as having delays in two or more areas • holds a Child Disability Health Care Card • has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support Package, or referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the National Disability Insurance Scheme - Early Childhood Intervention Service - Preschool Field Officer, or - Maternal and Child Health nurse.

*As provided by the Department of Education and Training (DET)

Local Criteria

- Resident/Ratepayer of Hobsons Bay – parents/ guardians who live in Hobsons Bay;
- The service of first preference is the closest in proximity to the parent/guardian residence within the City of Hobsons Bay;
- Children attending formal or informal care in Hobsons Bay, minimum of 2 days per week (family to provide evidence);
- Parent or guardian working or studying in Hobson Bay minimum of 2 days per week. (family to provide evidence);
- Children who have attended an educational program at the service of first preference in the previous year,
- Children who have a sibling who previously attended the service of first preference within the previous 2 years.

**While Hobsons Bay City Council will adhere to these priorities in relation to kindergarten registrations it may, at its discretion, make modifications to the procedures where extenuating circumstances apply.*