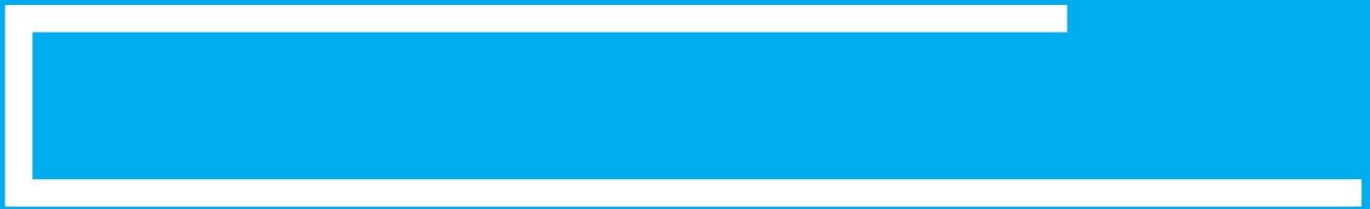


4-Year-Old Kindergarten Priority of Access



**High
Priority
Criteria***

Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out of Home Care. This includes:

- A child attending a three-year-old kindergarten program through EarlyStart Kindergarten (ESK) or is
- Referred by Child Protection; Child and Family Services (family services referral and support team, Child FIRST/Integrated Family Services/Services Connect case worker or Out of Home Care provider

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children

Asylum seeker and refugee children

Children eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy;

A child or parent holds a

- Commonwealth Health Care Card;
- Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card;
- Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or White Card;
- Refugee or Asylum Seeker Visa (200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 786, 790 or 866);
- Bridging Visa for any of the above Refugee or Asylum Seeker visas; or

Multiple birth children (triplets and above)

Children with additional needs, are defined as children who:

- Hold a Child Disability Health Care Card
- Require additional assistance in order to fully participate in the kindergarten program and/or
- Require a combination of services which are individually planned and/or
- Have an identified specific disability or developmental delay.
- Are assessed as having delays in two or more areas and declared eligible for a second funded year of kindergarten.
- Have previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support Package, or referred by the National Disability Insurance Scheme; Early Childhood Intervention Service; Preschool Field Officer, or Maternal and Child Health nurse

**Local
Criteria**

Resident/Ratepayer of Hobsons Bay – parents/ guardians who live or pay rates in Hobsons Bay;

The service of first preference is the closest in proximity to the parent/guardian residence within the City of Hobsons Bay;

Non- resident children attending formal or informal care in Hobsons Bay, minimum of 2 days per week (family to provide evidence);

Non-resident parent or guardian working or studying in Hobsons Bay, minimum of 2 days per week. (family to provide evidence);

Children who have attended a three-year-old kindergarten program or 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.

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