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## Emma McLean Kindergarten and Daycare Redevelopment Families' Information Sheet

The Victorian Government has committed to completing the rollout of three-year-old Kindergarten (up to 15 hours of funded kindergarten) for all children by 2029.

With the introduction of three-year-old kindergarten in addition to four-year-old kindergarten, all Victorian children will have access to two years of funded kindergarten.

To meet the rollout, the Victorian Government has committed significant capital investment to increase capacity for kindergarten provision across the state.



Artist impression of proposed design

### The need for kindergarten expansion in Hobsons Bay

- The Hobsons Bay City Council and the Victorian Government have worked collaboratively to develop the Kindergarten Infrastructure Services Plan – 2021 (KISP) which identifies unmet kindergarten demand within Hobsons Bay. This plan is available to view at: <https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/KISP>
- Council is working with the Victorian Government on the delivery of a number of kindergarten expansion and redevelopment projects to meet future projected demand.

### Why is Emma McLean Kindergarten and Day Care (EMK) site being redeveloped?

- By 2025, it is anticipated that Spotswood and surrounding areas will not be able to accommodate the demand for three-and four-year-old kindergarten.
- EMK has the capacity to increase kindergarten places in addition to replacing its ageing building.
- This project is being funded by the Victorian Government in collaboration with Hobsons Bay City Council.

## What is planned?

- Replacing an ageing building with a new contemporary building that will be built to the latest environmental design standards.
- A redevelopment which maintains most of the external playgrounds, which is unique to Emma McLean Kindergarten and Daycare service.

## What are the benefits?

- Meeting future kindergarten demand for local families, particularly for the Spotswood community.
- Access to a state-of-the-art education and care building with better amenities to further support a quality education and care experience for children.

## When will the redevelopment take place?

- The removal and replacement of the building will take about 16 weeks from September to December 2023.
- EMK and Council will work together to source a suitable, temporary location for the service during redevelopment.
- The new building will open at the commencement of 2024.

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