

3 and 4-year-old Kindergarten Application Timeline



**JAN
2026**

Registrations are open all year round.

You can register your child from the age of 1 for 3-year-old kindergarten and from the age of 2 for 4-year-old kindergarten.

Registrations are received by Hobsons Bay staff online, by email, post or in person. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

MAR

Kindergarten services confirm session times for the following year with Council.

APR

Group selection opens on **29 April**.

Confirmation of registration email sent to all families registered for kindergarten in the following year. Families must select their groups and can change preference, cancel or defer at this stage.

MAY

Registrations (including group preferences) for first round offers must be received by **30 May**.

Please note: registrations and group preferences received after this date will still be accepted and included in second and subsequent rounds of offers

JUN

First round offers are sent to families via email. All offers are made in line with Priority of Access guidelines to ensure the allocation of places is fair and equitable. Families are asked to confirm acceptance of kindergarten place or alternatively decline, defer or change preference.

Where an offer is not the first preference, families can 'Accept and Wait'. This means they accept the offered place, but are put on a waitlist for their higher preference(s) which they may be placed into in subsequent rounds.

Please note: Some families will not receive an offer in this round. In this case, they will remain waitlisted for an offer in subsequent rounds.

JUL

Registrations for second round offers must be received by Friday **11 July**. Outcomes will be sent on Monday 28 July. **Please note:** Registrations received after this date will still be accepted and included in subsequent rounds of offers.

AUG

Families will continue to receive offers based on remaining vacancies, in line with Priority of Access guidelines.

SEP

Kindergarten providers receive registration details for all accepted places from Council.

Offers sent to non-resident families on a case-by-case basis in line with Priority of Access guidelines. Families will be contacted directly by their kindergarten provider with information regarding commencement dates and fees, if applicable. Registrations continue to be accepted.

NOV

Place & Wait option will no longer be available. Those who are still Place & Waiting will be changed to Placed only and notified.

DEC

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Children commence Term 1 at the end of January or the start of February. Exact start dates will be provided by the kindergarten.