



Is your child ready for four-year-old kindergarten in 2018?

The enrolment period for funded four-year-old kindergarten in 2018 is now open. If you have a child who will be ready for kindergarten next year you can sign them up via the centralised enrolment process. Centralised enrolment was introduced last year to help minimise the administrative burden on service providers and to streamline the placement process for parents.

All funded kindergartens in South Gippsland are involved in centralised enrolment, which is coordinated by Council. Parents or guardians simply need to register their child via the enrolment website and nominate their top three kindergarten preferences before 30 June, 2017. Children will then be allocated into kindergarten programs in accordance with State Government Priority of Access guidelines. Where demand for a program exceeds the number of places available a waitlist will be created in partnership with kindergarten service providers.

“Last year was our first year operating a centralised enrolment system and we were very pleased with the results,” said Shelley Fixter, Council’s Community Services Project Officer. “It helped us to ensure the maximum number of children were able to receive their preferred kindergarten preferences through an equitable process.

“Knowing how many children required kindergarten services, and from which locations, also helped us to plan for the future by providing us with data that we can use to apply for additional funded kindergarten places.”

There are currently ten funded kindergartens operating in the South Gippsland region, each offering a mix of services. Some offer before or after care services.

“Kindergarten is so important in encouraging childhood development,” said Ms Fixter.
“The programs offered give children a chance to solve problems, communicate and have fun.
We hope that many parents will look at the opportunities kindergartens present and start their enrolment process today.”

Kindergarten enrolments can be completed online at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment. Hard copy enrolment forms can be collected from Council, local libraries and Maternal and Child Health Centres.
The enrolment period for 2018 four-year-old funded kindergarten closes on 30 June, 2017.

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