

Is your child ready for four-year-old kindergarten next year?

The enrolment period for funded four-year-old kindergarten in 2019 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 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, 2018. 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.

“Central enrolment helps our local kindergartens to prepare for the year ahead and ensures the maximum number of children are able to receive their preferred kindergarten preferences through an equitable process,” said Shelley Fixter, Council’s Community Services Project Officer. “Knowing how many children require kindergarten services, and from which locations, also helps 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 as early as possible.”

Kindergarten enrolments can be completed online at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment.

Local libraries can provide internet access to complete online forms. Alternatively, a Council Officer will be at the following Maternal and Child Health centres and can provide assistance:

- Mirboo Nth – Tuesday 5 June from 10-12noon
- Leongatha – Tuesday 12 June from 10-12noon
- Foster – Thursday 14 June from 10-12noon
- Poowong – Tuesday 19 of June from 10-12noon
- Korumburra – Monday 25 June from 10-12noon

The enrolment period for 2019 four-year-old funded kindergarten closes on 30 June, 2018.