

Subsidised Three Year Old Kindergarten for South Gippsland

South Gippsland Shire Council is one in six rural Councils selected by the Victorian Government to provide funded three year old kinder 2020.

Council is busy planning with the Department of Education and kindergarten services for smooth implementation next year.

A three year old kindergarten program helps children to:

- Make friends, get on with peers and learn to collaborate and play with others
- Explore new ideas, ask questions, grow their independence in problem solving and become curious and confident learners
- Talk about and managing their emotions, developing their memory and learning to focus on activities
- Become confident communicators and develop early numeracy

South Gippsland Shire Council's Coordinator of Children and Family Services Sally Baker welcomes the significant investment in early childhood education and the life-long benefits for local children.

"Taking part in a quality kindergarten program at an earlier age leads to positive effects on development, wellbeing and learning. It has even more benefits for children who need extra support or are in vulnerable circumstances.

"This program will ensure all three year olds, regardless of any barriers, will receive high quality early learning that will have a sustained impact on their development," said Ms Baker.

Those wanting to register their interest in the three year old kindergarten program at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment

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