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3yo Kindergarten Enrolments FAQ

What are the changes for three-year-old kindergarten?

In an Australian first, the Victorian Government will provide funding for eligible children to attend three-year-old kindergarten at funded early childhood service. Funding will commence in 2022 for a minimum of 5 hours per week and this will progressively scale up to 15 hours per week by 2029. This means that all three and four-year old children will be able to access two years of funded kindergarten prior to starting school.

The other major change is all 3 year old enrolments will no longer be handled by the kindergarten but through central enrolments at Kingston Council. Applications open on May 1st and first round applications close by June 30th.

Can my child start three-year-old kindergarten before they turn three?

While some kindergartens allow for children to attend prior to turning 3 in the care of their parents, Acacia Ave Preschool is unfortunately unable to offer this currently. Our facilities are not licenced for children under 3 and provision cannot be made for staffing ration required.

Can my child have a repeat year of three-year-old?

No, unfortunately under this new system, children will progress directly from three-year-old kindergarten to four-year-old kindergarten in the following year. A second unfunded year of optional three year old kindergarten can not be undertaken regardless of parent preference, all children will be moved to 4 year old kindergarten the following year.

If you or the educators still hold concerns about your child's development, a second year of four-year-old kindergarten can be considered but at this point will require a diagnosed concern.