

GOING TO KINDY?

Kindergarten 'Kindy' provides a place for children to grow and develop through play and contributes to a great start for every child. Kindy children become confident learners in a safe, supported environment and it's a great stepping stone to ensure a successful transition to school.



HAS YOUR CHILD HAD A HEALTH CHECK AND BEEN IMMUNISED?

IT'S MORE AFFORDABLE THAN YOU THINK!

COST



It's always a good idea to use the calculator below to get an estimate of your possible Child Care Subsidy payment.

Child Care Calculator here...



Make an appointment here...

HEALTH



Book a Health Check with a nurse. It is a great idea to ensure your child's needs can be supported at Kindy and school.

Your child must be fully immunised before going to Kindy or have a valid exemption. Drop into Centrelink (Human Services) for details.



Human Services website here...



AGE



If turning four by June 30, you are eligible and encouraged to attend Kindy.



Find out more here...

LOW OR NO-COST KINDY (CHILD CARE SUBSIDY) IS PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WHO:



Are parents, a child or a foster family with a current Australian Government Health Care Card or hold a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card



Identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does).



Have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

*Kindy fees vary depending on the centre so it's important to contact your local Kindy for details on their fee structure. The good news is there are ways to lower the cost of attending Kindy.

Human Services website here...



ADDITIONAL CHILD CARE SUBSIDY:

The Additional Child Care Subsidy is a top up payment in addition to the Child Care Subsidy and provides additional assistance to families and children facing barriers in accessing child care. The Additional Child Care Subsidy has four elements:



Caring for a child who is vulnerable or at risk of harm, abuse or neglect.



An eligible grandparent getting an income support payment



Experiencing temporary financial hardship



Transitioning from certain income support payments to work

*For more information on additional childcare subsidy pop into your local Centrelink (Human Services) or go online.

FIND YOUR NEAREST KINDY



StartingBlocks.gov.au

Search education and care options available to suit you & your child's needs



LOOK FOR THE KINDY TICK



DON'T FORGET ABOUT PLAYGROUPS

Most playgroups are free and help to ensure a great start for your child. Playgroups are also a great way to transition into school.

Find a Playgroup here...

