Mildura Rural City Council

Kindergarten Central Enrolment
Frequently Asked Questions

Can I still choose which Kindergarten my child attends?	Yes you can. The Central Enrolment Service is about ensuring parents/carers as much choice in where their child goes to kindergarten as possible. On the enrolment form you will select your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd preference of kindergarten (including the session time you want your child to attend).
Can I still contact the Kindergarten directly?	Yes you can. All Central Enrolment Kindergartens will have 'Open Days', enrolment forms can be collected from kindergartens or MRCC and returned to MRCC Customer Service Centres. We encourage you to have as much time at the Kinder as you and your child need.
Will Central Enrolment lead to Kindergarten being 'zoned' like schools?	No the Central Enrolment Scheme will not lead to the zoning of kindergartens. Your choice as a parent / carer about where your child attends kindergarten is still the most important element of the enrolment process. Families without access to transport are able to indicate that they need to attend a kindergarten within walking distance.
Could my child 'miss out' on the Kindergarten of their first choice?	Yes. Just as is the case now where each kindergarten enrols independently and families may miss out on their first choice in kindergarten, through the Central Enrolment Service there will be occasions when a family does not get their first choice because more children were seeking a place at the kindergarten then there were places available. In these instances, you will not need to rush to complete another enrolment form, you will be offered your second or third preference.
Is my child 'Priority of Access'	Guidelines for identifying if your child is 'Priority of Access' are printed overleaf. 'Priority of Access' children enrolling in the enrolment timeframes are assured a place at the kindergarten of their first choice. Places are also reserved at all Central Enrolment Kindergartens for late enrolling 'Priority of Access' children.
When do enrolments open and close?	Enrolments will open on 1 May 2018 and first round will close on 30 June 2018. First round offers will be sent out by the 30 July 2018. Enrolments will be continually accepted and collated with second offers being made at the end of August and third round being made at the end of September. After this time children will be continually offered places.
But I have already enrolled my child in Kindergarten – what happens to this enrolment?	All new enrolments for the 2019 kindergarten year must be directed through the Central Enrolment model. All enrolments for all years from 2019 onwards must also be directed through the Central Enrolment Scheme.
Which Kindergarten Services are taking part in the Mildura Central Enrolment Scheme?	Irymple Kindergarten Kathleen Kelly Kindergarten Mildura South Kindergarten St Margaret's Preschool Mildura West Kindergarten Nangiloc & District Kindergarten DeGaris Kindergarten Red Cliffs Kindergarten

High priority children	Process that could be used to verify need(s)

Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out-of-Home Care	The child is:
	• attending a three year old kindergarten program through Early Start Kindergarten or Access to Early Learning, or is
	• referred by:
	  • Child Protection
	  • Child and family services (family services referral and support team, Child FIRST/integrated
	• family services/Services Connect case worker)
	  • Maternal and Child Health nurse, or
	  • Out-of-Home Care provider.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children	As part of the enrolment process, service providers must respectfully ask families 'is your child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?' and record this information in KIM.
Asylum seeker and refugee children	An appropriate visa identifies the child and/or parents as a refugee or asylum seeker.
Children eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy	• A child or parent holds a Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veteran's Affairs Card, or • multiple birth children (triplets, quadruplets).

Children with additional needs, defined as children who:
• require additional assistance in order to fully participate in the kindergarten program
• require a combination of services which are individually planned
• have an identified specific Disability or developmental delay
	• The child:
	• is assessed as having delays in two or more areas and is declared eligible for a second funded
	• year of kindergarten
	• holds a Child Disability Health Care Card
	• has previously been approved for Kindergarten Inclusion Support Package, or referred by:
	  ■ the National Disability Insurance Scheme
	  ■ Early Childhood Intervention Service
	  ■ Preschool Field Officer, or
	  ■ Maternal Health Nurse

(Department of Education and Training, Kindergarten Funding Guide, 2016)

Locally agreed criteria for Mildura central enrolment model.

1. Priority of Access as per table above.
2. Children attending a 2nd year of funded kindergarten. (as determined in consultation with educator and parent)
3. Attended the kindergarten as a (3 or 4 year old) pre-kindergarten program.
4. Siblings attended within a 5 year timeline.
5. Proximity to kindergarten.
6. MRCC resident or in the process of moving.
7. Work/study within the municipality or other children attend school.