



# Kindergarten Central Registration Enrolment Scheme

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### What is the Kindergarten Central Registration Enrolment Scheme (CRES)

Central Registration and Enrolment Scheme (CRES) is a best practice model for local councils and other organisations to support families and carers to secure a kindergarten place for their child.

For more information on CRES, please visit the Department of Education website at [Kindergarten Central Registration and Enrolment | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/Kindergarten-Central-Registration-and-Enrolment)

### What kindergartens are under Central Registration?

We currently have twelve services under CRES, with eleven being standalone kindergartens and one Long Day Care Service.

- Red Cliffs
- Nangiloc
- Kathleen Kelly
- Mildura West
- Irymple
- Mildura South
- Merbein
- Wetlands Drive
- DeGaris
- Pasadena
- Millewa
- Playalong (also provides a LDC and occasional care service)

### When are the kindergarten registration dates?

Round 1 – 1 June – 31 July  
Letters of offer sent to families mid-August.

Round 2 – 1 August – 31 August  
Letter of offer sent to families mid-September.

Round 3 – 1 September – 30 September  
Letters of offer sent to families mid-October.

After round three, registrations will continue to be accepted, and places offered subject to availability and adhering to the priority of access.

Families have the option to accept/decline their place offer, and services are notified of the confirmation.

Kindergarten and long day cares services manage their own enrolment process once families have accepted the allocated place. Once enrolment is completed the kindergarten place is secured.

## How does a parent/guardian register for kindergarten?

### **Registrations open on 1 June**

Parents/guardians can register their child online on the Mildura Rural City Council website at [www.mildura.vic.gov.au](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au)

### **[Registering for kindergarten](#)**

You will be required to nominate up to three kindergarten preferences as part of your application.

Please try to choose kindergartens that you would be happy to accept a place at.

Some children are eligible for priority allocation.

## What happens after you register?

Once you have submitted your registration, you will receive a confirmation email to advise we have got your registration and preferences for kindergarten.

## How and when are registrations allocated?

### **Allocation and Placement**

31 July - closure of round one

All registrations will be assessed and allocated following the 'Priority of Access Guidelines.' You will be emailed an offer approximately two weeks after the closing date.

Places are allocated as per the [Priority of Access Criteria](#). Children that are not offered a place at their preferred kindergarten will be given the option to:

- Accept Offer
- Decline and Waitlist for current preferences
- Decline offer

#### **1. Letter of Offer**

A Letter of Offer will be sent via email. Parents/guardians can either accept or decline their child's offer.

#### **2. Enrolment forms**

When the kindergarten has received your accepted offer, they will get in touch with you directly to complete the enrolment process.

#### **3. Orientation Day**

Parents/guardians are invited to attend orientation day at their kindergarten. All families who have accepted a place, should attend on this day. This allows children to become familiar with the environment and to meet the teacher. Parents/guardians will have the opportunity to ask any questions.

#### **4. Interview Day**

Interview Day is a 1-on-1 meeting with the teacher and the parent/guardian prior to commencement. This is an opportunity to speak with the teacher if you have any specific requirements or concerns. Families will be advised of the date and time of their interview directly via the kindergarten.

## What happens if you don't accept the kindergarten place?

You will be given the option to change your preferences or go back on the list to be allocated another place of preference, if one becomes available.

## Is there a chance a child may not get their first preference or kindergarten of choice?

Yes. There will be occasions when a family does not get their first choice of kindergarten because more children are seeking a place at the kindergarten than places available. In these circumstances you will be given your 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> preference. If there are no places available, you will be given the option to look at another service or wait to see if a place becomes available in the next round.

## How are kindergarten places allocated by 'Priority of Access'?

The Department of Education determines all priority one children, and in addition we have six other locally agreed criteria that follows priority one.

To allocate children, the priority of access criteria must be adhered to prior to applying the locally agreed criteria for all children who are registered in kindergarten.

***\*Please see the last page for Priority of Access table***

For more information on DE Priority One please go to [Priority of access for early childhood education | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/priority-of-access-for-early-childhood-education)

For more information on our local criteria please go to [Registering for kindergarten](https://www.vic.gov.au/registering-for-kindergarten)

Starting Age Calculator click here [Sending your child to kinder | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/sending-your-child-to-kinder)

## Can a child take part in more than one year of 4-year-old kindergarten?

Eligibility for a second year of funded 4-year-old kindergarten is subject to the child being assessed for learning and development delays in line with the [Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework \(VEYLDF\) | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-early-years-learning-and-development-framework) and when:

- Your child's teacher has found they have developmental delays in at least 2 key areas of learning and development
- the child will achieve better outcomes at kindergarten than if they go to school.

Where a second year of kindergarten is being considered for a child, the assessment must be carried out by an early childhood teacher, but may also include input from other professionals, such as a preschool field officer, maternal and child health nurse, speech pathologist or occupational therapist.

For more info on this process: [Does my child need a second year of kindergarten? | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/does-my-child-need-a-second-year-of-kindergarten)

## Does a parent need to register their child again for 4 year old kindergarten if they did 3 year old?

Yes, but an email will be sent to all families already enrolled in 3 year old kindergarten after the 1 June with the registration already pre-filled, families will just have to enter their new preferences.

For all kindergarten enquiries, please contact [kindergarten@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:kindergarten@mildura.vic.gov.au)

Priority of Access Criteria	
Level	Description
Priority One*	<p>Children who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out-of-Home Care</li> <li>Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children</li> <li>Asylum seeker and refugee children</li> <li>Children that meet the eligibility criteria for the kindergarten Fee Subsidy</li> </ul> <p>Children with additional needs, defined as children who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>with an identified specific disability or developmental delay</li> <li>who require additional assistance to fully participate in the kindergarten program</li> <li>who require a combination of services which are individually planned</li> </ul>
Priority Two*	Children identified as eligible to enroll in a second year of kindergarten
Priority Three*	Attended the kindergarten in the 3-year-old program the previous year
Priority Four*	Siblings attended the kindergarten within the previous 3 years
Priority Five*	Proximity to the kindergarten
Priority Six*	Work/study of siblings attend school with proximity to kindergarten
Priority Seven*	In the process of moving within proximity to the kindergarten