

Central Registration and Enrolment Scheme

Funded Sessional Kindergarten

General Information



What is funded sessional kindergarten?

Sessional kindergarten is a standalone service with set hours and days. The hours, days and times cannot be adjusted. Sessional kindergarten operates during school terms and has holidays at the same time as schools.

Who runs the kindergarten program?

Kindergartens are either managed Independently or by Council. You can find out more information about this on our website here [Council managed kindergartens | City of Casey](#) and here [Independently managed kindergartens | City of Casey](#).

Can I add more days or adjust the hours my child attends?

The sessional kindergarten program operates fixed hours and days which are unable to be adjusted to meet individual family needs. If your family require additional hours or full time care, you may like to look into integrated kindergarten in a centre based day care. If you feel your child will need a transition period in starting kindergarten, families are able to work together with educators to meet these needs.

Can I attend sessional kindergarten and long day care?

Yes, you may attend both sessional kindergarten and long day care but you are only allowed to access one funded kindergarten program at a time. Some long day care services incorporate kindergarten in their program so you will need to advise them that you will be accessing the funding at sessional kindergarten. The sessional kindergartens under the City of Casey's CRES only offer funded places.

What is the cost?

Sessional kindergarten is currently fully funded by the Victorian Government. They offer one year of free funded 3 year old kindergarten and one year of free funded 4 year old kindergarten. There is no out of pocket cost to families. Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is not applied to sessional kindergarten. CCS can only be used for centre based day care such as Long Day Care, Occasional Care and Family Day Care.

I don't think my child is ready for school, can I pay for them to do an additional year?

An additional year of funded 3 year old kindergarten or 4 year old kindergarten is not available by choice or payment. Eligibility for an additional year is assessed and supported by the child's current kindergarten educator, often in consultation with relevant professionals.

Does my child need to go to kindergarten before they can start school?

Kindergarten is an important step for young children but it is not a requirement before starting school.

Does my child need to be immunised to attend sessional kindergarten

Yes, the "No Jab, No Play" legislation requires children to be fully immunised to enrol in early childhood education and care services, with limited exemptions for medical reasons or certain vulnerable groups.

To find out more visit: [No Jab No Play for early childhood education and care services | health.vic.gov.au](#)

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