

# Selection Criteria 2015

## 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Program

### Eligibility

Children are eligible if they:

- Turn 4 years of age by 30 April in the year they attend *4-Year-Old Kindergarten*; or
- Receive funding for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of *4-Year-Old Kindergarten*; or
- Were eligible to attend in the previous year but deferred or withdrew from the service on or before the last day of Term 1; or
- Turn 6 years of age in their year at *4-Year-Old Kindergarten*, but have been granted an exemption from school entry age requirements by their regional office of the Department of Education & Training. (refer: DET preschool funding criteria); or
- Are younger than the eligible age, but whose parents/guardians have submitted a written request for their child to attend school the following year to their regional office of the DET. A copy of the written request must be attached with application. Please be advised that very few requests are approved by DET. If the child attends preschool early, but does not proceed onto school the following year, it is not possible to access another year of funded preschool.

**Note:** A child who is repeating *4-Year-Old Kindergarten* and who is not eligible for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of DET funding will be required to pay the full (non-subsidised) fees. This child will only be considered after all children eligible for government funding are offered a position.

### Selection criteria

All children will be firstly sorted according to the selection criteria. Allocation of places will then be undertaken giving priority of access to repeating children and verified priority children as per DET guidelines.

If there are more applications than places available, preference will be given to children who meet the greatest number of the criteria outlined below:

- Has funding for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of *4-Year-Old Kinder at Seedlings @ Whitehorse Kindergarten*
- Has sibling/s at *Seedlings @ Whitehorse Kindergarten* or *Whitehorse Primary School* \*\*
- Intends on attending *Whitehorse Primary School* \*\*
- Attended *3-Year-Old Kindergarten* at *Seedlings @ Whitehorse Kindergarten*

After the above criteria have been applied, proximity to the kindergarten (as the crow flies) will then be considered.

### Offers

- Offers of places will be posted to applicants in August in the year preceding attendance
- Applications that are successful will be notified of a confirmed place by letter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round offers will be made 3 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> round offers
- Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified in writing that they were not allocated a place and advised of their position on the waiting list
- An Enrolment Acceptance Fee must be paid when accepting a position (payable by cash, credit, cheque or EFTPOS) to hold the place for the following year
- An enrolment form and other relevant information will be provided after the place is accepted and the Enrolment Acceptance Fee paid

## 3-Year-Old Kindergarten Program

### Eligibility

Children are eligible attend 3-Year-Old Kindergarten provided they have turned three years of age *prior* to commencement. Children turning three years of age *after* April 30 will be required to complete a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of *3-Year-Old Kindergarten* the following year, prior to commencement of *4-Year-Old Kindergarten*. Children turning three years of age after April 30 are offered a place at the Kindergarten's discretion.

### Selection criteria

If there are more applications than places available, preference will be given to children who meet the greatest number of criteria outlined below:

- Kindergarten Director recommendation to undertake a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3 year old kindergarten
- Child commenced program in previous year and subsequently withdrew, requesting a deferment by the end of Term 1
- Has sibling/s at *Seedlings @ Whitehorse Kindergarten* or *Whitehorse Primary School* \*\*
- Intends attending *Whitehorse Primary School* \*\*

After the above criteria have been applied, proximity to the kindergarten (as the crow flies) will then be considered.

### Offers

- Offers will be posted to applicants in August in the year preceding attendance
- Applications that are successful will be notified of a confirmed place by letter
- Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified in writing that they were not allocated a place and advised of their position on the waiting list
- An Enrolment Acceptance Fee must be paid when accepting a position (payable by cash, credit, cheque or EFTPOS) to hold the place for the following year
- An enrolment form and other relevant information will be provided after the place is accepted and Enrolment Acceptance Fee paid

\*\* Please indicate on the WPSA enrolment form under additional information if these criteria apply.

