

Selection Criteria 2020

4-Year-Old Kindergarten Program

Eligibility

- Turn 4 years of age by 30th April in the year that they attend 4-Year-Old Kindergarten; or
- Receive funding for a 2nd year of 4-Year-Old Kindergarten; or
- Were eligible to attend 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 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 the 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 2nd 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 children as per the DET guidelines.

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

- Families who live within the Whitehorse Primary School zone. Your zone can be found at <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/> by typing your address into the search field. Zoning changes have come in to affect this year (2019) and will affect 2020 and beyond enrolments.
- Attended 3-Year-Old Kindergarten at Seedlings Kindergarten.
- Has sibling/s at Seedlings Kindergarten or Whitehorse Primary School.

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 sent to applicants between July & August in the year preceding attendance
- Applications that are successful will be notified of a confirmed place by email
- 2nd & 3rd round offered will be made 3 weeks after 1st & 2nd round offers
- Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified via email that they were not allocated a place and advised of the position on the waiting list
- An enrolment acceptance fee must be paid when accepting a position (payable by cash, credit or EFTPOS) to hold their 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 is paid.

3-Year-Old Kindergarten Program

Eligibility

Children are eligible to attend 3-Year-Old Kindergarten provided they have turned 3 years of age prior to commencement. Children turning 3 years of age after 30th April will be required to complete a 2nd year of 3-Year-Old Kindergarten the following year, prior to commencement of 4-Year-Old Kindergarten. Children turning 3 years of age after 30th April 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 2nd year of 3-Year-Old Kindergarten
- Families who live within the Whitehorse Primary School zone. Your zone can be found at <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/> by typing your address into the search field. Zoning changes have come in to affect this year (2019) and will affect 2020 and beyond enrolments.
- Has sibling/s at Seedlings Kindergarten or Whitehorse Primary School.

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 sent to applicants between July & August in the year preceding attendance
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*****Selection criteria can be updated and any time*****

