

# HUGHESDALE Kindergarten

"Being, Belonging, Becoming"



## Kinder Information

2021

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## About Hughesdale Kindergarten

Hughesdale Kindergarten is nestled in a natural environment, offering each child an exciting opportunity to develop a love for play and learning. Our three and four-year-old programs develop a strong sense of identity, wellbeing, communication and language skills (including early literacy and numeracy), cognitive, social, emotional and physical skills that are extended with incursions throughout the year.

We are a not for profit organisation that has been providing the best possible education to local children for over seventy years and we are run by a parent committee of management. We pride ourselves on building strong partnerships with families, and believe our Kindergarten is a place where parental involvement is encouraged and everyone feels valued. Partnerships with families are developed through daily discussion, emails, newsletters and meetings.



**Hughesdale Kindergarten  
has proudly been awarded  
in 2020 Exceeding the  
National Quality Standard.**

## Our Environment

Hughesdale Kindergarten has a warm, friendly and welcoming environment that is enjoyed by all. Our indoor space provides the perfect environment for a range of creative and educational activities. Our outdoor environment is well used each session and inspires the imagination and offers opportunity for learning and adventure.

Our kindergarten features:

- Indoor classroom and large outdoor playground
- Piano and dedicated space for music lessons
- Two cubby houses complete with mud kitchen
- Dry riverbed
- Chicken coop with 2 pet hens
- Tricycles and other active play equipment
- Lots of shaded areas provided by trees and 3 shadesails
- Vegetable and herb garden beds and a worm farm
- Play area with climbing equipment, swings and slide
- Gross motor play activity area to encourage climbing and balance

## Our Programs

We aim to recognise the importance of these early years and to provide an appropriate environment that is relaxed, warm and nurturing, ensuring each child, family and educator feels a sense of belonging. The early years are a time for a child to take pleasure in the here and now, to spend time playing and experiencing Life's wonders.

Children experience a sense of being by taking time to explore the present moment. Through the many experiences and changes that occur in the early years, children are growing and developing their own identity becoming someone who actively participates in our society.

Within our programs we place great importance on respect and care; both for others, our world and ourselves. We believe children should be supported in building connections and understanding their own self-worth in order to establish the foundations for a happy, productive life and strong sense of identity. We aspire to provide a rich learning environment that encompasses experiences and opportunities for learning around language, literature, mathematics, science, visual arts, music and movement, social skills, independence and wellbeing.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3YO Grp 1 Joeys	8:00 AM- 11:00 AM				8:00 AM- 11:00 AM
3YO Grp 2 Joeys	8:00 AM- 11:00 AM		1:30 PM- 4:30 PM		
3YO Grp 3 Joeys			1:30 PM- 4:30 PM		8:00 AM- 11:00 AM
4YO Possums		8:30 AM- 4:00 PM		8:30 AM- 4:00 PM	
4YO Lorikeets	11:30 AM- 4:30 PM		8:00 AM- 1:00 PM		11:30 AM- 4:30 PM

## Fees

### 2021 Fees:

**3 Year Old Group: \$580 per term**

**4 Year Old Group: \$535 per term**

## Enrolment information

Many of our families are local to the City of Monash Council, and we also welcome kindergarten enrolment applications from neighbouring suburbs and local councils such as Murrumbeena, Carnegie, East Bentleigh, Chadstone

Enrolment applications will be accepted any time after the child has turned 18 months of age. Enrolment applications for both three and four-year-old kindergarten at Hughesdale can be made through the [Monash Central Registration system](#).

When enrolling your child into Kinder, you will be asked to provide three documents to verify your information to Monash Council:

- Proof of address
- Proof of child's date of birth
- Immunisation status

For further information about lodging your enrolment please contact Monash Kindergarten Support team

03 9518 3530 or [kinderenrolments@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:kinderenrolments@monash.vic.gov.au)

<https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Services/Children-Family/Kindergartens/Enrolment>

## Allocation of kindergarten places

An offer of a kinder place at Hughesdale kinder is provided to families via the Monash Central Registration system in accordance with the eligibility and priority access criteria for our kinder.

Offers commence being made in July/August and continue until the kindergarten is full and/or all children on our wait list have been offered a place.

If your child does not receive a first-round offer for a place at Hughesdale, you may receive a second or subsequent round offer!



## Why attend Kindergarten?

Kindergarten is an important step in your child's growth. It is the perfect time for exploration, investigation, and the learning of life skills through trial and error. It is not compulsory, but it is highly recommended that your child attend kindergarten before going to school.

Research suggests kindergarten:

- improves your child's health and wellbeing
- assists them in developing strong social skills
- encourages a love of learning
- enhances children's academic and developmental learning outcomes.
- It can also set your child up for success in the 21st century by teaching them relevant skills

(<https://theconversation.com/play-based-learning-can-set-your-child-up-for-success-at-school-and-beyond-91393>)

## When can your child begin kindergarten?

**Three-year-old kinder** – your child must be at least three years of age by 30 April in the year which they attend kindergarten. Please note your child cannot commence kinder until they have turned three.

**Four-year-old kinder** - your child must be at least four years of age on 30 April in the year which they attend kindergarten. Please note your child cannot commence kinder until they have turned four. If your child is born between 1 January and 30 April, they can attend kindergarten when they turn 4 or 5. You need to decide when is best for your child to begin kindergarten. You must make this decision before your child begins kindergarten.

The Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) has resources to help you decide. You can also seek advice from an early childhood educator at Hughesdale Kinder.

Child's date of birth	Eligible year
01/05/15 - 30/04/16	2020
01/05/16 - 30/04/17	2021
01/05/17 - 30/04/18	2022
01/06/18 – 30/04/19	2023

There is research to suggest two years of education, based in kindergarten is better than 1. Research from the UK shows that attending two years of preschool improves children's readiness for school more than one year's attendance, with particular impacts on their early literacy and social and emotional skills. And 16 year olds who attended at least two years of preschool were three times more likely to take a higher academic pathway in post-secondary school.

<https://theconversation.com/time-for-australia-to-provide-preschool-education-for-all-three-year-olds-64665>

## Questions you can ask about Kinders

To help decide if Hughesdale Kindergarten is suitable for you, ask the following questions:

- Does the kindergarten operate throughout the year or only during specific times like school terms?
- Does the service offer a funded kindergarten program with a qualified University Degree Teacher?
- What are the fees and are there any other costs over and above the fees?
- How does the service support children with additional needs?
- What is the process if my child is unwell, upset, or unsettled?
- What is the process for administering medication?

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