

Bass Coast Shire 2020 Kindergarten Information

This guide has been collated by the Best Start Facilitator at Bass Coast Health. All information in this booklet about specific kindergartens has been provided by kindergarten services. Please note, some information provided by kindergartens is subject to change, ie. session times and fees. For further information, please contact kindergarten services directly on the contact details provided in this booklet.

General Kindergarten Information:

Research shows that early education sets children up for a bright future. At kindergarten children learn skills that they'll take with them throughout their life. Kindergarten improves children's health and wellbeing, helps them to develop strong social skills and encourages a love of learning. Children who go to kindergarten are more independent and confident and are more likely to make a smooth move to primary school.

Four-year-old kindergarten

This is also called "funded kindergarten". The government will help the kindergarten with the cost of your child attending for 15 hours each week. All kindergartens charge fees to help meet the cost of running kindergarten programs. Fees will vary between services. Some children are eligible for free or low cost kindergarten - speak with your kindergarten about this.

Three-year-old kindergarten

Some kindergartens and childcare centres offer a kindergarten program for three-year-old children. Generally these programs are not funded by the government if they aren't a part of the Early Start Kindergarten program.

The Victorian Government is investing almost \$5 billion to deliver 15 hours of Three-Year-Old Kindergarten per week. This will be available in both sessional (standalone) kindergartens and long day care (childcare) centres. The rollout will begin in 2020 and Bass Coast Shire will receive funding for Three-Year-Old Kindergarten in 2022. It is worth noting that South Gippsland Shire Council is one of the six Councils funded to roll out Three-Year-Old Kindergarten in 2020.

More information is available via the Victorian Government Website:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/three-year-old-kindergarten-victorians>

Early Start Kindergarten

Early Start Kindergarten (ESK) provides government funded free or low cost kindergarten for eligible children if they are aged three by 30 April in the year they will be attending kindergarten and:

- The child is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, OR;
- The child's family has had contact with Child Protection or been referred to Child FIRST

Bass Coast Children's Centre

244 White Rd, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

Phone: 5672 5151

Email: bass.coast.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



BCCC is a non profit, community based service offering long day care for children aged 0 to 5 with an integrated funded 4 year old kindergarten program, and 3 year old pre-kindergarten program. Opening hours are 6.40am to 6.00pm.

Planned session times for 2020
4-year-old kindergarten: 9.00am – 4.30pm (Monday and Tuesday)
3-year-old pre-kindergarten: Pre-kinder program offered by a Diploma Educator Monday to Friday
Early Start Kindergarten options
ESK eligible children can be accommodated flexibly, either integrated into 4-year-old program or included in 3-year-old program
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$90.00 per day
3-year-old pre-kindergarten: \$90.00 per day
Bass Coast Children's Centre does NOT offer free kindergarten for Health Care Card holders
Enrolment information
Dates for enrolment? Wait list and we conduct allocation October/ November
How to enrol? Call the Centre
Who to contact for enrolment? Dina McMaster (Coordinator)

Bass Valley Childcare Centre

60 Corinella Road, Corinella VIC 3984

Phone: 5603 3408

Email: bassvalleycc@bestchance.org.au



Bass Valley Childcare Centre offers a funded kindergarten program that will be supplying all meals. We run an open indoor, outdoor program. A sessional kinder program run within our beautiful new Centre Based Care facility, which offers care outside of normal kinder hours. Service is open 6.30am – 6.30pm

Planned session times for 2020
4-year-old kindergarten: Group 1 (Monday/Tuesday) 8.15am – 3.45pm Group 2 (Monday/Wednesday) 8.15am – 3.45pm Group 3 (Tuesday/Wednesday) 8.15am – 3.45pm Group 4 (Thursday/Friday) 8.15am – 3.45pm
3-year-old kindergarten: N/A
Early Start Kindergarten options
ESK children are integrated into the 4 year old program
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$495.00 per term
3-year-old kindergarten: N/A
Bass Valley Childcare Centre offers FREE kindergarten for Health Care Card holders
Enrolment information
Dates for enrolment? Open all year
How to enrol? Call or visit Centre
Who to contact for enrolment? Sharyn Holmberg

Cowes Children’s Centre

245 Church Street, Cowes VIC 3922

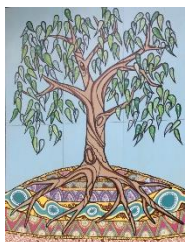
Phone: 5952 6322

Email: cowes@nurtureone.com.au



Cowes Children’s Centre is a 70 place long day care centre with a government funded kindergarten program in the 4-5 year old room which is available Monday to Friday and over school holidays, excluding Public Holidays. Child Care Subsidy is available to all families.

Planned session times for 2020
4-year-old kindergarten: Monday- Friday 9.00am – 3.30pm
3-year-old kindergarten: N/A (within long day care setting)
Early Start Kindergarten options
Speak directly to the centre for options
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$102.00 per day before Child Care Subsidy
3-year-old kindergarten: \$102.00 per day before Child Care Subsidy
Cowes Children’s Centre does NOT offer free kindergarten for Health Care Card holders
Enrolment information
Dates for enrolment? Before December 2019 to ensure your bookings
How to enrol? Contact the centre on the above details via phone or email or walk ins are welcome
Who to contact for enrolment? Emma Denham (Centre Manager) or Laura Stevenson (Assistant Centre Manager)



Drysdale Street Kindergarten

27 Drysdale St, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

Phone: 5672 1547

Email: wonthaggi.drysdale.st.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



Co-located with Wonthaggi Primary School, Drysdale Street Kindergarten offers an inviting environment for young learners. Built in 2008, the centre offers welcoming play spaces that cater to the needs of active children whilst also providing special places for solace and serenity. Our educators are truly passionate about the vital role they play in the lives of every child and strive to create a warm and welcoming environment.

Planned session times for 2020
4-year-old kindergarten: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellow Cockatoo Group: Monday and Friday 8.45am – 4.15pm • Blue Wren Group: Tuesday 12.15pm – 3.15pm, Wednesday and Thursday 9.15am – 3.15pm
3-year-old kindergarten: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penguin- Pre Kinder Group: Tuesday 8.45am – 11.15am
Early Start Kindergarten options
ESK children can be integrated into 15 hour per week 4-year-old program or some families choose to join the shorter 3-year-old sessions, which is an option available if the 3-year-old program is run by a qualified teacher.
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$1,540 for the year, or 9 monthly payments from Mar to Nov of \$172
3-year-old kindergarten: \$708 for the year, or 9 monthly payments from Mar to Nov of \$79
Kindergarten is FREE for healthcare card holders accessing 4 year old kindergarten and for 3 year old children eligible for Early Start Kindergarten.
Enrolment information
Dates for enrolment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st June - 30th June enrolments open for 1st round offers. • 1st July - 31st July enrolments open for 2nd round offers. • 1st August onwards enrolments still open.
How to enrol? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online at www.earlyyears.ymca.org.au • Ask for an enrolment form at the kindergarten • Phone YMCA Ballarat 03 4311 1500 • Email: yeym.enrolments@ymca.org.au
Who to contact for enrolment? YMCA Ballarat 03 4311 1500 OR Ask directly at the kindergarten



Inverloch Childcare

11-13 Williams Street, Inverloch VIC 3996

Phone: 5674 6694

Email: inverlochchildcare@gmail.com

Inverloch Childcare is a long daycare centre with 60 places, with an integrated kindergarten program. The centre is open from 7.00am – 6.00pm Mon-Fri except public holidays.

Planned session times for 2020
4-year-old kindergarten: 9.00am – 2.00pm Mon-Fri
3-year-old kindergarten: N/A
Early Start Kindergarten options
Speak directly to the centre for options
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$100 per day before Child Care Subsidy
3-year-old kindergarten: N/A
Inverloch Childcare does NOT offer free kindergarten for Health Care Card holders
Enrolment information
Dates for enrolment? Anytime
How to enrol? Via our website online or contact centre
Who to contact for enrolment? Management 5674 6694 info@inverlochchildcare.com

Inverloch and District Preschool

2 Edgar St, Inverloch VIC 3996

Phone: 5674 1282

Email: inverloch.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



Inverloch and District Pre-School has a long history of providing quality programs to the community. We offer sessional kindergarten programs for children, catering for the diverse needs of families. Our educational programs are play-based and focus on children's strengths, needs and interests. The learning experiences provided for children are set up in beautiful and inviting ways. Equal importance is placed on both the inside and outside learning environments.

Planned session times for 2020
<p>4-year-old kindergarten:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koala group 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday and Wednesday • Kangaroo group 9.00am – 2.00pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday • Echidna group 8.30am – 4.00pm Tuesday and Thursday
<p>3-year-old kindergarten:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wombat group 9.00am -12.00 noon Wednesday • Possum group 9.00am -12.00 noon Thursday
Early Start Kindergarten options
ESK children can be integrated into 15 hour per week 4 year old program if places are available or some families choose to join the shorter 3 year old sessions.
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$1,540
3-year-old kindergarten: \$850
Kindergarten is FREE for healthcare card holders accessing 4 year old kindergarten and for 3 year old children eligible for Early Start Kindergarten.
Enrolment information
<p>Dates for enrolment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st June - 30th June enrolments open for 1st round offers. • 1st July - 31st July enrolments open for 2nd round offers. • 1st August onwards enrolments still open.
<p>How to enrol?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online at www.earlyyears.ymca.org.au • Ask for an enrolment form at the kindergarten • Phone YMCA Ballarat 03 4311 1500 • Email: yeym.enrolments@ymca.org.au
Who to contact for enrolment? YMCA Ballarat 03 4311 1500 OR Ask directly at the kindergarten

McKenzie Street Children's Centre

106-110 McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

Phone: 5672 4688

Email: mckenziestreet@nurtureone.com.au

McKenzie Street Children's Centre is a long day care centre with kindergarten included in the service.

Planned session times for 2020
<p>4-year-old kindergarten: Kindergarten sessions integrated into long day care program on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm daily</p>
<p>3-year-old kindergarten: N/A (within long day care setting)</p>
Early Start Kindergarten options
<p>Speak directly to the centre for options</p>
Fees
<p>4-year-old kindergarten: \$103.00 per day</p>
<p>3-year-old kindergarten: \$103.00 per day</p>
<p>McKenzie Street Children's Centre does NOT offer free kindergarten for Health Care Card holders</p>
Enrolment information
<p>Dates for enrolment? Any</p>
<p>How to enrol? Online</p>
<p>Who to contact for enrolment? Kylie Pettenuzzo/Kristy Davey</p>

Phillip Island Early Learning Centre

161 Settlement Rd, Cowes VIC 3922
Phone: 5952 1747
Email: Karent@pielc.com.au



On the grounds of Cowes Primary School ,Phillip Island Early Learning Centre operates an education and care service catering for children from 6 weeks of age. We offer 3 & 4 year old Kindergarten, After Kinder Care and Long Day Care. Our sessional kindergarten offers an inclusive program that considers the diverse needs of families within our community in a flexible, supportive and nurturing environment.

Planned session times for 2020
<p>4-year-old kindergarten:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilbies – Thursdays and Fridays, 9.00am – 4.30pm • Koalas – Mondays 8.30am – 2.30pm; Thursdays 8.30am – 1.30pm; Fridays 8.30am – 12.30pm • Penguins – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9.00am – 4.30pm • Seals – Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8.30am – 4.00pm
<p>3-year-old kindergarten:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joeys – Mondays 8.15am – 11.45am • Possums – Mondays 1.00pm – 4.30pm
Early Start Kindergarten options
Early Start Kindergarten children are integrated into the 4 year old kindergarten program.
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$370 per term
3-year-old kindergarten: \$250 per term
Phillip Island Early Learning Centre offers FREE kindergarten for Health Care Card holders
Enrolment information
<p>Dates for enrolment?</p> <p>An application form can be submitted at any time. Enrolments are available once a child has been accepted.</p>
<p>How to enrol?</p> <p>Call into PIELC to pick up an application form or download from our website at www.pielc.com.au .</p>
<p>Who to contact for enrolment?</p> <p>Call the Centre administration on 5952 1747</p>

San Remo Preschool Centre Inc

23 Back Beach Road, San Remo VIC 3925

Phone: 5678 5347

Email: san.remo.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Preschool operates Kinder & Pre Kinder programs only



Planned session times for 2020
4-year-old kindergarten: Group 1: Mon, Wed & Thur 8.45am to 1.45pm Group 2: Tues, Wed & Fri 8.45am to 1.45pm
3-year-old kindergarten: Pre-Kinder Thursday 9:00am to 12:00pm Pre-Kinder Friday 9.00am to 1.:00pm
Early Start Kindergarten options
ESK eligible children can be accommodated flexibly, either integrated into 4-year-old program or included in 3-year-old program
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$390.00 per term
3-year-old kindergarten: \$240.00 per term
San Remo Preschool Centre Inc offers FREE kindergarten for Health Care Card holders
Enrolment information
Dates for enrolment? Effective 1 st January 2020 – Registrations will open 1 st day of Term 1- children will be eligible to register 2 years prior to commencing PreKinder program & 3 years prior to Kinder program.
How to enrol? Registration Form along with Birth Certificate and Immunisation History Statement: \$5.00 Registration fee per year (\$10.00 for PreKinder & Kinder registration)
Who to contact for enrolment? Jodie Thompson Administration Officer, available Mon, Wed & Thur 8:45am to 1:45pm

Wonthaggi North Kindergarten

136 White Road, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

Phone: 5672 3292

Email: wonthaggi.north.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au



White Road, Wonthaggi Kindergarten provides innovative learning spaces both indoors and outdoors while promoting exploration, independence and creativity for young children. Our kindergarten room offers a 'home like' environment where the children feel confident, safe and comfortable and our Educators work hard to ensure that the learning experiences and developmental programs cater for individual children.

Planned session times for 2020
4-year-old kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kangaroo group 9.00am - 2.00pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday • Possum group 8.30am – 4.00pm Tuesday and Thursday
Early Start Kindergarten options
ESK children can be integrated into 15 hour per week 4yr old program if places available or some families choose to join the shorter 3yr old sessions.
Fees
4-year-old kindergarten: \$1,540
Kindergarten is FREE for healthcare card holders accessing 4 year old kindergarten and for 3 year old children eligible for Early Start Kindergarten.
Enrolment information
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Who to contact for enrolment? YMCA Ballarat 03 4311 1500 OR Ask directly at the kindergarten