

Best Start, Best Life Reforms

Three-year-old kindergarten and pre-prep roll out plan

2025

3 year old Kinder

- 15 hours delivered at Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea
- 10 hours delivered at Torquay and Jan Juc
- 15 hours delivered for vulnerable Children

4 year old Kinder

- 15 hours delivered across the Shire

2026-27

3 year old Kinder

- 15 hours delivered at Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea
- 10 hours delivered at Torquay and Jan Juc - (will increase if capacity allows)
- 15 hours delivered for vulnerable Children
- Second year funding available for 3 year olds from 2026

Pre-Prep

- Deliver between 16-25 hours of Pre-Prep for Priority 1 (ATSI, Child Protection, Refugee/Asylum)
- 15 hours will be delivered for 4 year old children until 2028

2028

3 year old Kinder

- 15 hours delivered across the shire at all services

Pre-Prep

- Deliver between 16-20 hours of Pre- Prep for all children
- Deliver between 16-30 hours of Pre-Prep for Priority 1 (ATSI, Child Protection, Refugee/Asylum)
- Deliver between 16-25 hours of Pre-Prep for Priorty 2 (Concession card holders/ multiple births)
- Intention is to increase to 20 hours in Torquay and Jan Juc if possible
- Intention is to increase to 20 hours in Lorne, Anglesea and Winchelsea if possible

2029

3 year old Kinder

- 15 hours delivered across the Shire - required by 2029

Pre-Prep

- Deliver between 16-25 hours of Pre- Prep for all children
- Deliver between 16-30 hours of Pre-Prep for Priority 1 (ATSI, Child Protection, Refugee/Asylum)
- Deliver between 16-25 hours of Pre-Prep for Priorty 2 (Concession card holders/ multiple births)
- Intention is to increase up to 22 hours in Torquay and Jan Juc if possible
- Intention is to increase up to 25 hours in Lorne, Anglesea and Winchelsea if possible

2030

3 year old Kinder

- 15 hours delivered across the Shire

Pre-Prep

- Deliver between 16-25 hours of Pre- Prep for all children
- Deliver between 16-30 hours of Pre-Prep for all priority groups
- Intention is to increase up to 22 hours in Torquay and Jan Juc if possible
- Intention is to increase up to 25 hours in Lorne, Anglesea and Winchelsea if possible

2031-36

3 Year Old Kinder

- Established 15 hours Shire wide

Pre-Prep

- Deliver up to 30 hours of Pre- Prep to all children Shire wide including priority groups
- All sites must be operating at 30 hours by 2036

Please note: this is to be used as a guide and may change based on enrolments and capacity