

# Join a kindergarten community

**We would like to invite your child to join a kindergarten community.**

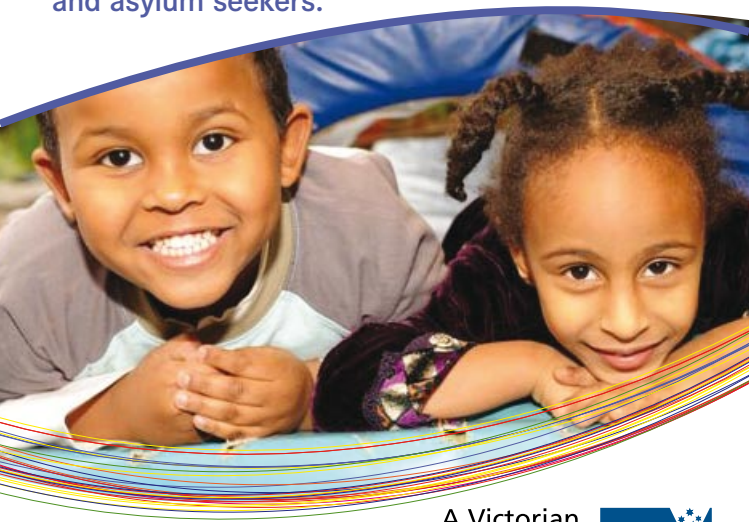
Kindergarten is a program, for ten hours a week, for children the year before they go to school.

For families, it can provide a break from caring 24 hours a day for a child and the chance to form bonds with other families and children.

For children, it can be a fun time for play, for learning and for being with other children. It helps prepare children for success in school and later life.

Scholars and families tell us that going to kindergarten can make a big difference in children's lives.

**There is no cost for refugees and asylum seekers.**



A Victorian  
Government  
initiative



Asylum seekers on bridging visas A-F and Refugees/Special Humanitarian Entrants on visas 200-217 can now have 10 hours of kindergarten per week at no cost. For a program of more than 10 hours per week there may be a minimal cost.

You will need to show a copy of one of the following confirming your visa status, to the kindergarten provider to get your free program:

- visa
- letter from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship; or
- a 'Document to travel to Australia' form.

This is funding that the Government provide as part of the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy. People with a health care card, pensioner concession card, temporary protection/humanitarian concern visas 447, 451, 785 and 786, Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card, as well as triplets and quadruplets in the same year are also eligible.

Your settlement worker can help you to find a quality kindergarten program. A list of kindergartens are located on the website [www.education.vic.gov.au/findakindergarten](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/findakindergarten) or by calling:

English	1300 731 947	Mandarin	1800 890 407
Amharic	1800 890 400	Nuer	1800 890 408
Arabic	1800 890 401	Serbian	1800 890 411
Cambodian	1800 890 403	Somali	1800 890 412
Dinka	1800 890 402	Turkish	1800 890 414
Filipino	1800 890 406	Vietnamese	1800 890 415

## Refugees and Asylum Seekers

### Ask your settlement worker