Helping your child to shine

Kindergarten is not only fun for children, research shows quality kindergarten programs also improve their future learning, health and development.

Kindergarten is important

In Victoria, every child is eligible for a year of government-funded kindergarten – usually in the year before they start school.

A kindergarten program offers your child opportunities to make friends, be creative, become more confident and independent, learn new things, improve skills and gain new ones.

At kindergarten, children learn through play – with fun activities such as singing, dancing, drawing and painting.

Children who are four years old on or before April 30, can attend kindergarten in the same year.

Where can my child attend?

Kindergarten programs are offered in community kindergartens, childcare centres and sometimes schools.

Kindergarten programs are also provided in new children's centres being established across Victoria. These centres are often on, or near, school sites and bring together a whole range of services for young children and families.

All funded kindergarten programs have a qualified early childhood teacher.

You can find out about the kindergarten programs offered in your local area at the website below.

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