Research shows children who attend kindergarten perform better at school and a smooth transition from kindergarten to school can have a positive influence on a child’s future learning.

Fast Facts:

- The Brumby Government has committed $28.9 million to raising the subsidy fee for funded kindergarten programs from $330 to $730. This means that all children who hold a concession card can access a 10-hour kindergarten program at no cost.
- The Kindergarten Fee Subsidy is indexed yearly and in 2009 is $751.20.
- An estimated 300 children from refugee backgrounds with humanitarian visas or asylum seekers on bridging visas are also eligible for the fee subsidy.
- Fee subsidies for Indigenous children who hold a concession card for three-year-old kindergarten was introduced in 2008.
- The Kindergarten Inclusion Support Service has been expanded to assist children with severe disabilities to have a positive kindergarten experience.