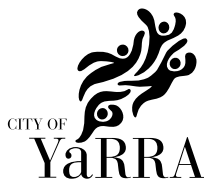


Preschool Field Officer program.



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FAMILY, YOUTH &
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

An inclusive, high quality kindergarten program for eligible children.

Are you concerned about

- Your child's development?
- Your child's behaviour?
- The differences you see in your child's behaviour at preschool when compared to your child's behaviour at home?
- Whether or not school will be the best step for your child next year?

Your child may benefit from accessing the Preschool Field Officer program. This program aims to support your child in accessing and participating in funded kinder programs that include:

- First and second year children in State-funded places for 4 year old children;
- Children in 3 year old kinder programs preparing for transition to 4 year old kinder;
- Early Start kindergarten places and transition to school.

The Preschool Field Officer program will

- Work with kindergarten staff to develop an individual program to support your child participate and get the most out of their kindergarten experience;
- Visit your child at the centre and, where applicable, provide educators with practical advice and support;
- Provide ongoing support, resources and training to kindergarten staff;
- Provide you with information on support services for your child (e.g. speech therapy, occupational therapy; psychology etc.)
- When required and with your consent, refer to and liaise with specialist and community services.

Children with additional needs

Many children require extra support so they can participate in children's services programs.

Your child's needs may include

- learning and language difficulties
- developmental delays
- behavioural issues and giftedness
- intellectual and physical disabilities.

Your child may have additional needs if they are from a culturally linguistic and diverse background or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander family.

The program works from the Early Years Learning Framework which sets the highest expectations for every child. It identifies five early years learning and development outcomes for all children. These include:

- Children have a strong sense of identity;
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world;
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing;
- Children are confident and involved learners and
- Children are effective communicators.

How do I access the program?

You can access the program by contacting us directly.

You can also discuss your concerns with your child's kindergarten teacher. Your kindergarten teacher will be able to discuss with you their observations of your child and the progress that your child is making within the program. The teacher will also be able to tell you about the specific objectives set for your child within the kindergarten program.

Who can make a referral?

- Parents/Guardians;
- Kindergarten staff with parental consent;
- Other health care professionals such as: Maternal Child Health Nurses; Pediatricians; Speech Pathologists and Occupational Therapists, with parental consent.

A referral form can be provided by staff at your child's centre and/or also by the health professional or you can download one on our website here yarracity.vic.gov.au/psfo

The Preschool Field Officer program is provided by Yarra City Council in partnership with the Department of Education and Training (DET).

The program supports children with additional needs who attend government funded kindergarten programs such as stand-alone kindergarten and long day-care centers.

This service is provided at no cost to families and/or Preschool services.

Contact us for more information

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