

# 2021 Kindergarten Central Registration Information Book

Mornington Peninsula Shire supports the delivery of Kindergarten services for children by providing community infrastructure and Kindergarten Central registrations (KCR).

KCR manages the registration and allocation process for 3YO and 4YO Kindergarten in Mornington Peninsula Shire owned and maintained buildings. In addition, other services operating from non-Mornington Peninsula Shire buildings can also elect to participate in the KCR process.

## Important dates:

**Monday, 2 March, 2020**

**2021 Kindergarten Registrations open**  
📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

**Sunday, 2 August, 2020**

**'On-time' registrations close –11:59pm.**  
Late registrations will be accepted from Monday, 3 August at 9am.

**Monday, 17 August,, 2020**

**4 Year Old offers commence**

**Wednesday, 19 August, 2020**

**3 Year Old offers commence**

**For additional information, please refer to the 2021 Offer Processing Timeline at:**

📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges and pays respect to the elders, families and ancestors of the Bunarong/Boon Wurrung people, who have been the custodians of this land for many thousands of years.

We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies, celebrations, initiation and renewal; and that the Bunarong/Boon Wurrung peoples' living culture continues to have a unique role in the life of this region.



## For more information

📞 5950 1099

📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

✉ [kindergarten@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:kindergarten@mornpen.vic.gov.au)



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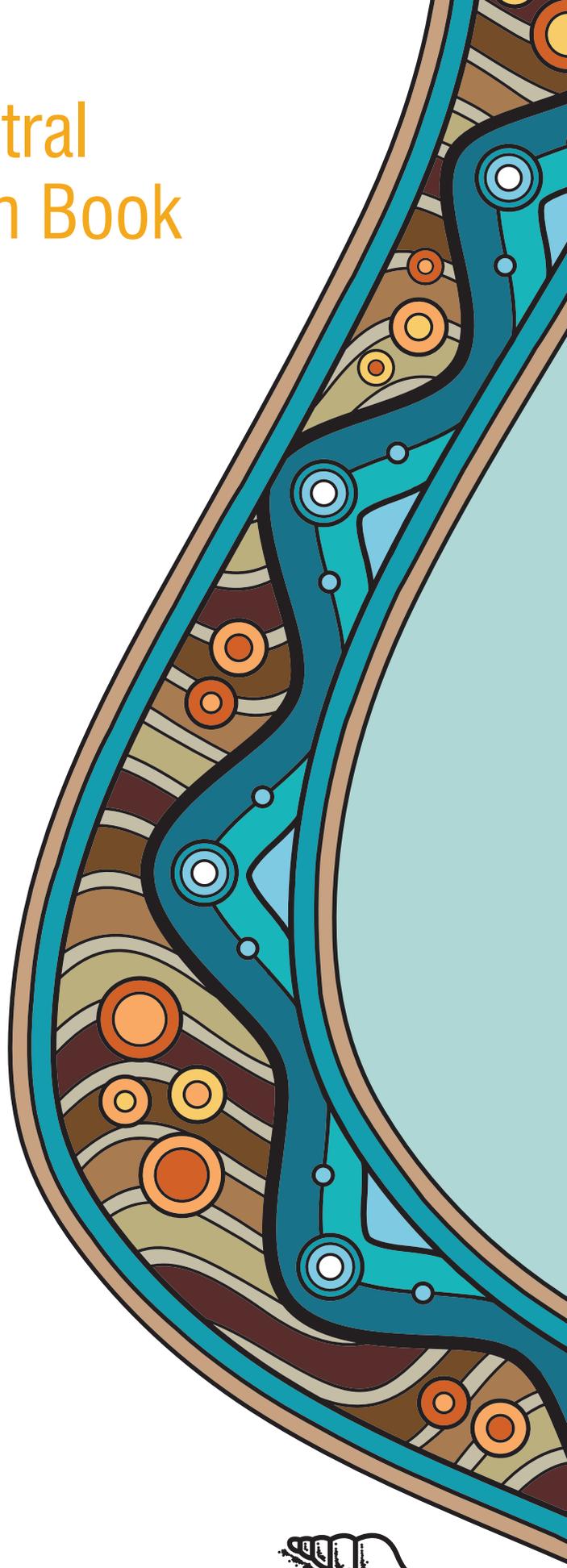
## Priority Of Access / Allocation Criteria:

Priority will be provided to residents/ratepayers of Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Non-residents may be allocated places after all other registrations have been exhausted.

For some Kindergartens, the number of on-time registrations received may be greater than the number of available places. In this situation, places are allocated as follows:

- Children identified as high priority (as detailed in 'The Kindergarten Guide' issued by the Department of Education and Training)\*
  - Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out-Of-Home Care
  - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children
  - Asylum seeker and refugee children
  - Children eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy
  - Children with additional needs, defined as children who:
    - require additional assistance in order to fully participate in the Kindergarten program
    - require a combination of services which are individually planned
    - have an identified specific disability or developmental delay (supporting documentation required)
- Children approved for a 2nd year of funded Kindergarten
- Children/families with approved exceptional circumstances (please see below)
- Children registered for the Kindergarten closest to where they live
- Children eligible for the Sibling Priority. Sibling priority applies for residents/ratepayers of the Mornington Peninsula Shire if:
  - You are registering your child for 4YO Kindergarten and have had another child attend 4YO Kindergarten at the same service during the previous 4 year period (2017-2020)
  - You are registering your child for 3YO Kindergarten and have had another child attend 3YO Kindergarten at the same service during the previous 3 year period (2018-2020)



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If, after using the above order of allocation, there are still a greater number of registrations than available places at the specified Kindergarten, the remaining places will be determined by a computerised process.

## **Exceptional circumstances:**

Kindergarten registrations submitted with exceptional circumstances noted will be assessed by

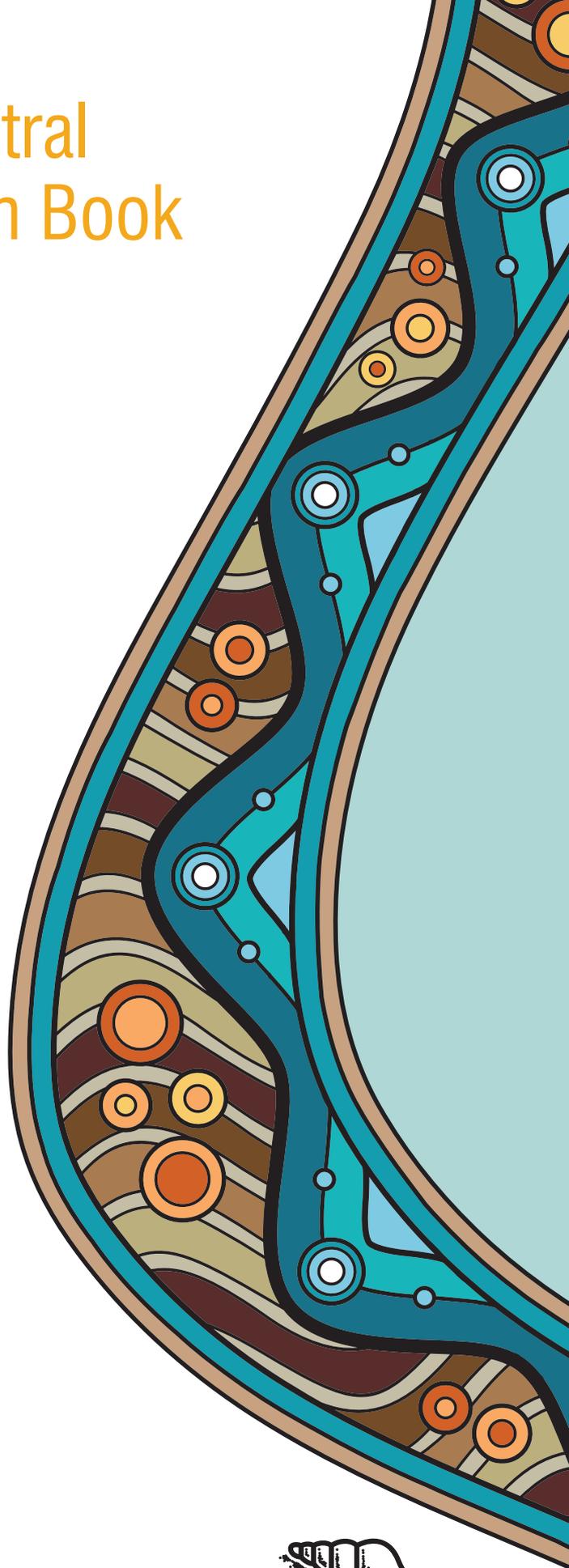
- Child, Youth and Family Services management.
- Examples of exceptional circumstances may include:
  - Parent with a disability
  - Parent or child with a diagnosed mental health illness
  - Homelessness
  - Drug and/or alcohol misuse
  - Court order that limit the choice of Kindergarten
  - Multiple births
  - Other situations verifiable by a child/family support service

Supporting documentation will be required and should include parent and child names, contact details of the person supplying the document, which should be less than 12 months old.

There are many exceptional circumstances that may meet this criteria, and therefore not all examples can be listed.

## **\*For further information on the DET priority of access please visit:**

- [education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/kinderfundingcriteria.aspx](https://education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/kinderfundingcriteria.aspx)



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## Registration and offer process:

Eligibility	4YO Kindergarten – your child must turn 4 by 30 April, 2021 3YO Kindergarten – your child must turn 3 prior to attendance
Register	Online at: 📍 <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/kindergarten">mornpen.vic.gov.au/kindergarten</a> \$20 fee applies (Health Care Card holders exempt)  Ensure your contact details are accurate as offers are emailed
Confirmation	You will receive an email confirmation once your registration has been submitted.  If your confirmation email is not received, please contact us on 5950 1099.
Offer	Offers for 2021 Kindergarten places will be made as detailed on page 2 of this document. The emailed letter will contain instructions on how to accept or decline an offer.  Offers not accepted by the date specified will be deemed to be available for reallocation
Late registrations	Registrations submitted from 29 June, 2020 are considered 'late'. Late registrations will be processed after on-time registrations
No computer or smartphone?	Mornington Peninsula Shire offices and libraries provide services to access Kindergarten registration. Call us for further assistance 📞 5950 1099
Change required?	Changes of preference for 4YO registrations can be made by emailing us prior to the closure of the 'on-time' period at 11:59pm on Sunday, 28 June, 2020. Requests made after this date will result in a registration being deemed 'late'. 📧 <a href="mailto:kindergarten@mornpen.vic.gov.au">kindergarten@mornpen.vic.gov.au</a>  Changes of preference for 3YO registrations can be made by emailing us prior to 11:59pm on Sunday, 26 July, 2020. Requests made after this date will result in a registration being deemed 'late' 📧 <a href="mailto:kindergarten@mornpen.vic.gov.au">kindergarten@mornpen.vic.gov.au</a>
Initial offer not received?	If you have not received an initial offer at your nominated Kindergarten after the offer process has been completed (i.e. after the final day to accept/decline initial offers), you will be contacted by a member of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Kindergarten Central Registration team to discuss possible alternate options. This could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information about your 2nd preference (if provided)</li><li>• Inclusion in the wait pool for your preferred Kindergarten</li><li>• Information about Kindergartens in your area that have available places</li></ul>



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## Other information:

### Kindergarten Central Registration

KCR is a streamlined and transparent application and allocation process designed to be fair and equitable for families. It supports access to community Kindergarten programs across the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Mornington Peninsula Shire is responsible for accepting registrations and allocating Kindergarten places using the Priority of Access/Allocation Criteria (see page 2). After the offer and acceptance process is complete, each Kindergarten will be provided with a list of children who will be attending the service in 2021.

The Priority of Access/Allocation Criteria also applies to 'late' registrations.

### Kindergarten Enrolment

Kindergarten enrolment is facilitated by the individual Kindergartens. They will utilise the provided list of allocated and accepted children to make contact with families to advise them of the enrolment process.

Families will need to provide:

- evidence of your child's date of birth (e.g. birth certificate)
- evidence of resident/ratepayer status (e.g. driver's licence, rates notice, utility bill, signed Tenancy Agreement/Lease)
- Immunisation History Statement
- other relevant documents (e.g. court orders, medication information, additional needs information)

### Confirmation

You will receive an email confirmation once your registration has been submitted.

If your confirmation email is not received, please contact us ☎ 5950 1099.

### Immunisation Requirements

'No Jab, No Play' legislation ensures that children must be fully immunised to attend Kindergarten, unless they have a medical exemption.

To have your child's enrolment confirmed, you must provide the Kindergarten with:

- a current Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR); AND
- the statement must show that the child is up to date with all vaccinations that are due for their age, or that they are able to receive.

Immunisation History Statements are available from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) by:

- accessing your MyGov account
- calling AIR on 1800 653 809
- visiting a Medicare or Centrelink office

For further information, please visit

📍 [health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children/no-jab-no-play](https://health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children/no-jab-no-play)



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## Early Start Kindergarten (ESK)

Children can access Early Start Kindergarten funding if they turn 3 on or before 30 April in the year of attendance and;

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander OR
- have had contact with Child Protection and/or Child First /Orange Door

Further information on Early Start Kindergarten can be obtained at [education.vic.gov.au/parents/child-care-kindergarten/Pages/early-start-kindergarten.aspx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/child-care-kindergarten/Pages/early-start-kindergarten.aspx)

## Four Year Old Kindergarten

4YO Kindergarten is a one year program funded by the Department of Education and Training (DET) for children in the year before school. It is delivered by a Degree-qualified Early Childhood Educator.

4YO Kindergarten operates for a minimum of 15 hours per week during school terms and is developed and delivered in line with the Early Years Learning Framework, Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework and the Education and Care Services National Regulations.

In Victoria, 4YO Kindergarten is not compulsory, however it is acknowledged that the Kindergarten experience is valuable in providing children with the opportunity to learn and develop skills through a play-based curriculum which also assist in the transition to Primary School.

4YO Kindergarten programs receive funding from DET towards the operation of the program. Each individual Kindergarten determines the additional fees charged to families. Information on the fees applicable can be obtained by contacting the service directly (refer [mornpen.vic.gov.au/childcare/childcare-listing](https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/childcare/childcare-listing)).

## 2nd Year of 4YO Kindergarten

Your child is eligible for a second year of funded 4YO Kindergarten if:

- your child's teacher has found they have developmental delays in at least two key areas of development, and
- your child will have better outcomes at Kindergarten rather than going to school

For further information, please visit:

[education.vic.gov.au/parents/child-care-kindergarten/Pages/childcare-second-year](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/child-care-kindergarten/Pages/childcare-second-year)

Registrations for a second year of unfunded Kindergarten will only be considered where all children eligible for a funded year have been allocated.



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## Kindergarten Fee Subsidy (KFS)

The Kindergarten Fee Subsidy allows children to access up to 15 hours per week of funded Kindergarten delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher for free or at low cost.

Your child is eligible for the KFS if:

- your child identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- your child is identified on their birth certificate as being a multiple birth child (triplets or more)

or if your child holds or has a parent or guardian who holds one of the following:

- a Commonwealth Health Care Card
- a Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card
- a Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card or White Card
- a Refugee or Asylum Seeker visa (200-204, 786 or 866)
- Bridging visas for any of the above Refugee or Asylum Seeker visas

## Three Year Old Kindergarten

3YO Kindergarten or Activity Groups are programs provided to 3YO children and are planned and delivered by degree- or diploma-qualified Early Childhood Educators.

3YO Kindergarten/Activity Groups are not currently funded and each individual Kindergarten sets fees for families based on the cost of operating the program. Information on the fees applicable can be obtained by contacting the service directly (refer  [mornpen.vic.gov.au/childcare/childcare-listing](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/childcare/childcare-listing)).

A child must turn 3 prior to commencement.

As per the State Government election promise, funding for 3YO Kindergarten will be rolled out across Victoria from 2020. It is anticipated that 5 hours per week of funded 3YO Kindergarten will be rolled out across the Mornington Peninsula Shire in 2022.



## For more information

 5950 1099

 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/childcare](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/childcare)

 [childcare@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:childcare@mornpen.vic.gov.au)



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