



Welcome to Lipscombe Park Kindergarten

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We thank you for your interest in our Kindergarten. The below provides a summary list frequently asked questions - you can find further information about our wonderful kindergarten on our website <https://www.lipscombeparkkindergarten.org.au> and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us

ABOUT US

Lipscombe Park Kindergarten is a not-for-profit incorporated association operating a community-based three & four-year-old sessional kindergarten program.

Lipscombe Park Kindergarten is operated by highly qualified, dedicated & experienced staff and is managed by a Committee of Management comprised of volunteer kindergarten parents.

We are proud to have recently achieved the rating of "Exceeding National Standards" in all seven areas of the National Quality Framework, a great recognition of the quality of our educators and kindergarten program.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

What sort of program do you offer?

We offer play-based learning and incorporate the Victorian Early Learning Years Development Framework in our planning. Lipscombe Park Kindergarten "Exceeds Expectations" in all areas of the National Quality Standard Assessment & Rating conducted by the Department of Education and Training.

How big are the class sizes?

3YO groups have a class size of 20 children, while our 4YO groups have a maximum of 28 children each.

How much does kindergarten cost?

Fees are set by the Committee of Management in the year prior to enrolment. Fees for 3YO kindergarten for 2021 are set at \$375 per term for 5 hours per week, inclusive of all incursions. Fees for 4YO kindergarten for 2021 are set at \$485 per term for 15 hours per week, inclusive of all incursions and excursions.

Do families on a Pensioner/Health care card get a discount?

Families enrolled in the 4-year-old program with a concession card pay no fees. The fee subsidy is not applicable for the 3-year-old program.

Which primary schools do Lipscombe Park Kindergarten children go to?

Croydon Hills Primary School and Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School are the main feeder schools with some children also attending Yarra Road, Kalinda, Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart and Ainslie Parklands Primary School

ENROLMENT PROCESS & TIMELINES

How do I enrol my child?

The Maroondah Integrated Kindergarten Association (MIKA) maintains a central enrolment system and allocates places according to parents' preferences and locality to their chosen kindergarten. 20 community-based and one private kindergarten use the MIKA Central Enrolment System. Applications should be made to MIKA at www.mika.org.au between 1 March and **30 June** the year before the child is eligible to attend Kindergarten. Please refer to the Enrolment page on our website <https://www.lipscombeparkkindergarten.org.au>

When will my enrolment and session times be confirmed?

The below outlines the enrolment process and timelines (approximate)

- March – June – Submit enrolment form to MIKA with fee
- August – Offers of places emailed to parents by MIKA
- August – Acceptances returned to Lipscombe Park Kindergarten with your deposit
- September – Group preferences & other information posted to parents



How do I know if my child is ready for Kindergarten?

You can find a range of resources available to help you with your decision on when to start kindergarten in the "is my child ready" page on our website <https://www.lipscombeparkkindergarten.org.au/is-my-child-ready-for-kindergarten/>

My child has a medical condition. Can they still attend kindergarten?

Yes, please speak with the staff directly about any concerns you may have. Lipscombe Park Kindergarten is an inclusive kindergarten and we aim to make your child feel completely incorporated into the program.

OTHER FAQs

What is the timetable for 2021?

Our proposed timetable for 2021 is outlined below *please note that this timetable is subject to change – please refer to our website for the latest timetable information.* After your MIKA enrolment is complete you will be contacted in early August with letters of offers to the kindergarten. The timetable is subject to change.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
EMERALDS 4YO 8:00AM-1:30PM	DIAMONDS 3YO 8:00AM-10:30AM	EMERALDS 4YO 8:00AM-12:00PM	RUBIES 4YO 8:00AM-1:30PM	RUBIES 4YO 8:00AM-1:30PM
SAPPHIRES 3YO 2:00PM - 4:30PM	EMERALDS 4YO 11:00AM-4:30PM	RUBIES 4YO 12:30PM-4:30PM	SAPPHIRES 3YO 2:00PM - 4:30PM	DIAMONDS 3YO 2:00PM-4:30PM

Do you offer a Transition program?

A transition program is offered during the first few weeks of term 1. This enables both staff and children to become accustomed to each other, and the children to their new surroundings. The session times and days are reduced to help the children cope with a busy new environment.

Does the Kindergarten have a uniform?

Yes - the uniform is not compulsory but does save wear and tear on your child's clothes. We encourage parents to purchase new or second-hand uniforms for your child to wear while attending kindergarten. The uniform consists of windcheaters, hoodies, t-shirts and hats.

How can parents be involved at kindergarten?

Parent's involvement is encouraged and valued at Lipscombe Park Kindergarten. Parents can help with kindergarten duty, library borrowing, reading stories, helping with activities, or joining the Committee of Management. You will need to provide a Working with Children Check.

Lipscombe Park complies with the No Jab, No Play policy. What does this mean for our family?

Lipscombe Park Kindergarten requires a copy of the child's immunisation statement before commencing.

The Victorian Government has amended the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

All parents/guardians planning to enrol their child at childcare or kindergarten in Victoria must provide the service with evidence that their child is:

- fully immunised for their age OR
- on a vaccination catch-up program OR
- unable to be fully immunised for medical reasons.

'Conscientious objection' to vaccination is not an exemption.

*For more information visit the Victorian Better Health website
<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/no-jab-no-play>*

