



Seeking to address barriers to Kindergarten attendance

FAQs

1. What is Kinder+?

Kinder+ is a program designed to make 4 year old Kindergarten affordable and accessible for all Boroondara families. A key part of the program is a fee subsidy scheme. This scheme has been established to assist families with fees and the associated costs of the 4 year old kindergarten year. Fee assistance is also available in long day care centres where a funded 4 year old program operates.

Kinder+ can also facilitate access to a network of community support agencies for families experiencing social difficulties.

2. When is Kinder+ starting?

April 2008. The program is ongoing.

3. Does the Kinder+ subsidy apply to 3 year old kindergarten?

No, it only applies to *funded 4 Year old programs in community managed kindergartens.*

4. Does the Kinder+ subsidy apply to long day care?

Yes, in centres where a funded 4 year old kinder program operates. There are 6 in Boroondara:

> Auburn Kindergarten & Child Care	> Camberwell Early Childhood Centre
> West Hawthorn Early Childhood Centre	> Glenferrie Early Childhood Centre
> Highgate Early Childhood Centre	> Through Road Children’s Centre

5. How much is the Kinder+ subsidy?

A maximum of \$250 per child per year is available. Funds are also available on a term to term basis. Payment will be made directly to the kindergarten. The Kinder+ subsidy will directly benefit the family.

6. Where can I make an application?

- Through your kindergarten, OR
- through a community support agency (see list on the back of this form).

7. Who is eligible to apply?

- Families who hold a Government Card such as a pension concession card, a Health Care Card or a Temporary Protection/Humanitarian Visa.
- Other applicants may be experiencing hardship such as a family crisis, an unexpected drop in income, short/long term illness, a kindergarten child with a disability or seeking additional hours to benefit the child and family.

8. Where can I get more information?

- www.foundationboroondara.org.au
- Telephone – 9278 4947

Community Support Agencies for Boroondara

Organisation	Address	Phone
Camcare	4 Y Street, Ashburton VIC 3147	9885 0361
	19 Fairholm Grove, Camberwell VIC 3124	9882 2216
	1 Civic Drive, Kew VIC 3101	9853 5244
Centrelink	1 Railway Parade, Camberwell VIC 3124	
	Multilingual Call	13 12 02
	Family Assistance Office	13 61 50
Connections	1-3 & 5 Pitt Street, Ringwood VIC 3134	9871 0233
Craig Family Centre	7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton VIC 3147	9885 7789
Inner East Community Health Services		
Boroondara Community Health Centre	378 Burwood Road, Hawthorn VIC 3122	9818 6703
Craig Community Health Centre	7 Samarinda Avenue, Ashburton VIC 3147	9885 6822
Maternal & Child Health	360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn VIC 3122	9278 4606
Salvation Army	7-11 Bowen Street, Camberwell VIC 3124	9889 2468
Salvation Army – East Care	31-33 Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill VIC 3128	9890 7144
St Vincent de Paul	43 Prospect Street, Box Hill VIC 3128	9895 5800
The Edge Community Fund	13 Amaroo Street, Chadstone VIC 3148	9807 5841



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