



Seeking to address barriers to Kindergarten attendance

General Information

What is it?

Operated by Foundation Boroondara, **Kinder+** is a subsidy program designed to facilitate access to **4 year old kindergarten** for all children in Boroondara. The kindergarten must be one of the 30 community managed or one of six long day care centres where a funded 4 year old program operates.

How does it work?

The program has two key aspects. The first is fee support in the form of a subsidy. **Kinder+** subsidies are available for families who have low incomes or experiencing economic or social difficulties. The subsidies will assist with annual fees and charges or in special circumstances, other kindergarten related expenses.

The second aspect of **Kinder+** is to provide links to families through the network of local community support agencies.

What does Kinder + offer?

Families who hold a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card are entitled to year a State Government rebate of \$751.20 which covers the **first 10 hours of 4 year old kindergarten making it free**. Additional hours may be charged for.

Kinder + covers to gap for additional hours over 10 and up to 16 to a maximum value of \$250 per child per year for eligible families.

How to apply?

Applications for assistance can be made at the kindergarten you attend OR with a community support agency. Eligibility is determined by the kindergarten and payments will be made to the kindergarten. The **Kinder +** subsidy must directly benefit the family.

Kindergarten is a vital part of a child's development. There are children in our local community who miss out on this opportunity. Foundation Boroondara together with Camcare, the Rotary Club of Balwyn and the Rotary Club of Hawthorn are working in partnership to ensure all 4 year old children have the best start in life by attending kindergarten prior to commencing primary school.

A list of participating kindergartens/long day care centres is available on our web site www.foundationboroondara.org.au. For more information please 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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