



## *Seeking to address barriers to Kindergarten attendance*

### **Guidelines**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 Kinder+ is a program designed to make 4 year old Kindergarten both 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.
- 1.2 Kinder+ can also facilitate access to a network of community support agencies for families experiencing social difficulties.
- 1.3 This program is operated by Foundation Boroondara, which is a Charitable Incorporated Association funded through grants & community donations. Therefore, with limited financial resources all applications for financial support may not be successful.

#### **2. Eligibility**

- 2.1 Families who have Government cards such as Health Care Cards, Pension Concession Cards and Temporary Protection/Humanitarian Visa 447, 451, 785, or 786.
- 2.2 Applicants will also be considered on a hardship basis. For example, family crisis, short/long term illness, unexpected drop in income, a kindergarten child with a disability or funding for additional hours to benefit the child and family. Details will need to be provided.
- 2.3 The family will be eligible to apply if they live in Boroondara and attend a community managed kindergarten outside the area AND if they attend a community managed kindergarten in Boroondara but live outside the area.
- 2.4 Priority will be given to families who would otherwise not be able to afford a funded kindergarten place.

#### **3. Application Process**

- 3.1 Applications will only be accepted on the **Kinder+ Application Form** and can only be made by the kindergarten service provider/ community support agency.
- 3.2 Application forms can be obtained from our website or by phoning our office of on (03) 9278 4947, and requesting to have the paperwork posted or e-mailed.
- 3.3 Applications will be assessed by the selection committee. This committee comprises representatives from Foundation Boroondara, Boroondara Council, Rotary and Camcare. Decisions will be made within a six week period.
- 3.4 The committee reserves the right to seek additional information in respect of the application if it deems this to be necessary.

**Privacy Statement:** Any personal information requested is being collected by the Kinder+ partnership in order to administer the fee subsidy scheme. The Kinder+ partnership will keep this information private & confidential unless required by law. **Disclaimer:** The Kinder+ subsidy may not cover the full cost of 4 year old kinder.

