Parents, carers and families are welcome to join in the fun at their child's kindy. Ask your local kindy how you could get involved.


Talk to your local kindy to find the best option for your family.

Did you know your child will:

- make friends, share and play with others
- express themselves through art, dance and dramatic play
- learn through new experiences
- become more confident and feel strong
- communicate ideas and feelings
- build on their knowledge and explore new ideas, helping their confident transition to school.

How will we get there?

Some kindies offer no or low cost bus services for pick-up and drop-off.

There are also public transport options available that can help you and your child get to kindy each week.

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My big learning life:

Kindergarten

What is kindy?

A kindergarten (kindy) is a part-time educational program for children in the year before they start school.

Kindy is a safe and supportive place, where your little one will make friends, have fun learning through play and prepare for starting school.

When can my child start kindy?

Your little one can start kindy in the year they turn 4 by 30 June — the year before they start school.

Child born Child can attend kindy

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What will I pay?

Kindy fees are different depending on the service provided, but you can access low or no cost kindy if you:

- are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or your child is)
- hold a current Australian Government Health Care Card (or have a child who does)
- are a foster or kinship carer (talk to your Child Safety Service Centre)
- hold a current Australian Government Pensioner Concession Card (automatic HCC entitlements)
- have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

Visit your local Centrelink to find out more.

What will I need when I enrol my child?

- your child’s birth certificate
- your child’s health and immunisation status
- details of any court orders, or parenting orders or plans
- details of any special requirements (disability, food allergies or other needs)
- details of people allowed to pick up your child, and who to contact in an emergency

I don’t have my child’s birth certificate, what do I do?

If you don’t have your child’s birth certificate you can order it online, or visit your nearest courthouse or Queensland Government Agent Program (QGAP) office.


What will my child need at kindy?

Every kindy is different so ask your local kindy what you’ll need. Some items you may be asked to bring are:

- fresh food in a lunchbox
- drink bottle
- spare clothes
- broad brimmed hat and shoes
- sleep sheet and pillow