

2019 Kindergarten Application Form

Kindergarten programs are designed to improve your child's development in the following key areas:

- social skills, like how to play with other children in a calm, sharing and rewarding way
- self-awareness and respect for others
- emotional skills, for example understanding their feelings
- language, literacy and numeracy skills, such as reading stories and counting objects
- a joy for learning and group activities, such as talking, drawing and making things together with other children their own age
- ability to make new friends
- exposure to new ideas and concepts.

Kindergarten also provides families with access to:

- support and assistance for children with special needs
- resources and links to community support services.

Eligibility criteria applying to children

Edrington Park Child Care Centre & Kindergarten is eligible to receive per capita kindergarten funding for each child participating in the kindergarten program if the child meets the following criteria:

- ❖ The child is aged at least four years on 30 April of the year in which the child is enrolled to attend the funded kindergarten program.
- ❖ If the child is younger than four years the family must have requested early age entry from the applicable regional office or the non-government school that the child is to attend.
- ❖ The child is not currently accessing a place in another funded kindergarten program.
- ❖ If the child attended a funded program for part of the previous year, a Kindergarten withdrawal and deferment form has been completed on their behalf and the child was withdrawn from the program prior to the end of the first term

Deferment

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development expects children to commence school when they are six years of age; therefore those children born between January and April have the choice of deferment.

Kindergarten is an important year, one in which we want children to develop to their full potential. Parents may consider it preferable to have their child start kindergarten (and school) at an older age when their child is more socially and emotionally developed and able to cope with different or challenging circumstances more readily.

By deferring, children are given an extra year to naturally develop their skills and abilities and build the maturity expected for primary school entry. It is a parent's decision as to whether or not they choose to defer their child's funded year of kindergarten.

If your child's birth month falls between January and April you may wish to consider delayed school entry until 2021 and completion of kindergarten in 2020. If this is relevant to your child you will receive additional information shortly. You do not have to make this decision immediately but it is worth discussing with your child's carer and/or the office so that we can monitor your child's progress throughout the remainder of this year. Please inform the office immediately if you intend to defer your child's Kinder commencement until 2020.

Stingray Kinder Room

Kinder Sessions are delivered daily in the Stingray Room by fully qualified Kindergarten Teachers and Assistants. Only children eligible for kindergarten in 2019 will be enrolled in this room. Children attending other funded kindergartens and children deferring kindergarten will be enrolled in the Starfish Room.

- ❖ A Kindergarten Teacher will be in attendance from 8:30am-5:30pm. Children must be in attendance from 9:00am-4:00pm as this is the formal session time.
- ❖ Extended Care is available before and after these session times at no additional cost.
- ❖ Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.
- ❖ A minimum of 2 days will provide your child with 18 hours of formal Kinder per week.
- ❖ Children may attend 3 days maximum in the Stingray kinder room. Additional days of care will be provided in the Starfish Room.

To secure your child's place for 2019, please complete the enrolment form below and return to the office by Friday 4th May, 2018 to secure a position.

A Kinder 2019 information night will be held in October 2018. The Kindergarten teachers will hold intake interviews in the week before Kinder commences in 2019.

Preference is given to children already enrolled at the centre; however enrolment is only confirmed with return of the form below.

If your child is deferring kinder until 2020, he/she is NOT eligible for enrolment into the Stingray Kinder Room as this room is strictly for children commencing school in 2020.

Thank you,
EPCCC Management

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Child's Name: _____ **D.O.B.** _____
Parent's Name: _____ **Home Phone:** _____
Email Address: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Please enrol your child by indicating which days you require in 2019

Days Required	Please tick
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Will your child be attending another kinder program: Yes/No

A \$50.00 deposit is required to secure your position if you currently don't attend our centre.

Payment of this fee may be paid using either of the methods below or via cash or Eftpos at our office during the hours of 8am - 5:30pm.

Confirmation of your child's place will occur in October 2018 at which time you will be required to complete a full enrolment form.

Credit Card

<u>Name on Card:</u> _____	
<u>Card No:</u> _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _	
<u>Expiry Date:</u> _ _ / _ _	<u>CCV No.</u> _ _ _
<u>Signature on Card:</u> _____	

Internet Transfer paid directly into our bank account via the internet)

Account Name: Edrington Park Child Care Centre Pty Ltd

BSB: 083-191 **Account No:** 580671619

***Please use your child's surname as the reference number**

Parent's Signature: **Date:**