

Media Release

Ingrid Stitt MP
Minister for Workplace Safety
Minister for Early Childhood



Friday, 11 June 2021

KINDER ENROLMENT MADE EASY WITH NEW SUPPORT SERVICES

The Victorian Government is making it easier for parents to find the right kindergarten program for their child with the launch of a new website and phone enquiry line.

Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt today launched the Find a Kinder Program website and the Three-Year-Old Kindergarten Enquiry Line – giving families ease of access to the right information when it comes to selecting the best kindergarten program in their area.

The Find a Kinder Program website is a one-stop-shop, allowing parents to search and find kindergarten programs in convenient locations that suit their needs.

Translatable in over 100 languages, the site allows parents to search from a 2 to 40 kilometre radius from any address. A map and list of the funded and approved kindergarten programs in long day care or standalone kindergarten settings is then provided.

The site also highlights programs with the Kinder Tick, an initiative launched earlier this year that identifies approved and funded kindergarten programs delivered by a qualified teacher.

Parents who are interested in accessing Three-Year-Old Kinder can also call the new Three-Year-Old Kindergarten Enquiry Line, helping families locate and access information on how and when to enrol their child in the program as well as discuss the range of services offered.

In an Australian first, the Government has announced almost \$5 billion to deliver 15 hours of funded kindergarten programs for three-year-old children in Victoria by 2029. Find out more at www.vic.gov.au/kinder.

To access the Find a Kinder Program website, go to findakinder.educationapps.vic.gov.au.

The Three-Year-Old Kindergarten Enquiry Line is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm on 1800 338 663. To find out more about the Kinder Tick initiative, go to vic.gov.au/kindertick.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt

“We are making it easier for families to get the right information about the kinder programs to help ensure their child gets the best start to early education. This includes finding programs with our new Kinder Tick initiative.”

“Building the Education State starts with the early years – that’s why the Victorian Government is making a record investment in early childhood education and the landmark reform to roll-out Three-Year-Old Kinder statewide.”