

Media Release

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LABOR'S FREE KINDER SAVES FAMILIES TIME AND MONEY

The Allan Labor Government is saving families time and money by making kinder easier to access and providing free Kinder Kits.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn today announced 24 new kinders will open on or near school sites this year, creating more than 3,250 additional spots for children.

One of the new kinders is Glengala Kindergarten, with two rooms accommodating 66 children at a time.

The Labor Government is opening another 25 Kinders on School Sites by 2028, for a total of more than 120.

It's all about helping thousands of families get time back in their day and avoid the dreaded double drop-off.

We're also giving every child starting three-year-old kinder a free Kinder Kit filled with books, toys and games.

No family should have to choose between putting food on the table or giving their kids a great early education.

That's why we're funding 35 new and expanded kinders across Victoria this year, delivering an extra 4,200 places.

That's why our nation-leading Free Kinder program will now give families up to \$2,700 per child, every year.

That's why we're investing billions to build and expand kindergartens statewide.

Since Free Kinder started in 2023, the Labor Government has picked up the bill for Victorian families and saved them about \$980 million in education fees.

This year, they'll save another \$350 million.

For a full list of Kinders opening this year visit schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"We know families are doing it tough and Free Kinder is putting even more money back in their pockets."

"Kinders on school sites helps you avoid the dreaded double drop-off and get back more time in your day."

"We've delivered Free Kinder, Free TAFE and new schools because Labor always invests in our children's future."

Quote attributable to Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn

"Our nation-leading Best Start, Best Life reforms are delivering 59 new and upgraded kinders this year – including 24 on school sites, making the transition to school smoother for thousands more families."

Quote attributable to Member for Laverton Sarah Connolly

"High-quality kinder sets children up for school and for life, and we're delivering services like Glengala Kindergarten where families need them most – like close to home, on school sites with more places than ever before."