

# Kinders at Schools



*Rothschild Road Kindergarten*

We're building kindergartens at new and some existing schools across Victoria.

**Having a kinder and a primary school is a huge advantage, because it really brings the community together.**

– Jordan Warren, Principal of Rosewood Downs Primary School.

## Why build kinders at schools?

Building kinders at schools provides many benefits for Victorian families, including making:

- kinder programs easier to access
- drop-off time simpler and more convenient for some families
- the transition from kinder to school smoother for children.

Having kinders and schools together can also be used to create a hub for offering health and other services that benefit the wider community.

**It's amazing for the children. They have that seamless transition into school and a sense of belonging.**

– Sigi Hyett, CEO of Northern Schools Early Years Clusters Inc.



Molesworth Street Kindergarten



Newhaven Kindergarten



Lalor Primary School Kindergarten

## How are the kindergartens designed and built?

We work closely with your school and local council throughout planning, design and construction. This ensures what we build meets the ongoing needs of the school and the kindergarten. We confirm the exact timing of site works and construction to minimise the impact on the school. We often use modular construction for kindergartens at schools. Modular buildings are built offsite and craned in so there is less disruption for the school. It also greatly reduces construction time, costs and safety risks.

## Who will operate the kindergartens?

Local governments play a key role in early childhood education, especially building and managing kindergartens. So, we offer them the first option to operate new kinders. If a council decides not to be involved, we find an organisation experienced at running kinders. This process is open to all not-for-profit organisations, including your school.

**There's so many things we can do as a primary school to create a connection.**

– Jordan Warren, Principal of Rosewood Downs Primary School

**Parents get involved in the school from a much earlier age.**

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## Which schools get a kinder?

We assess schools in areas with significant kinder demand to make sure we build them where they're most needed. We consider the schools' future needs too. Are they under enrolment pressure and might need to expand? Will they still have sufficient open space? We also assess street access and parking.

## Who can attend the kindergarten, and do they have to enrol in the co-located school?

Any child from the local community can apply to enrol. The kinder operator will manage enrolments based on the number of places available.

Children who attend the kindergarten do not have to attend Prep at the co-located school.

Similarly, children who attend the kindergarten are not guaranteed a prep place at the co-located school. Parents who want their children to transition to the co-located school must formally enrol through the normal departmental processes.



Drysdale Street Kindergarten

## Where can I get more information?

Every kindergarten construction project has a dedicated page on our website. You can search for it at [www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au](http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au).

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