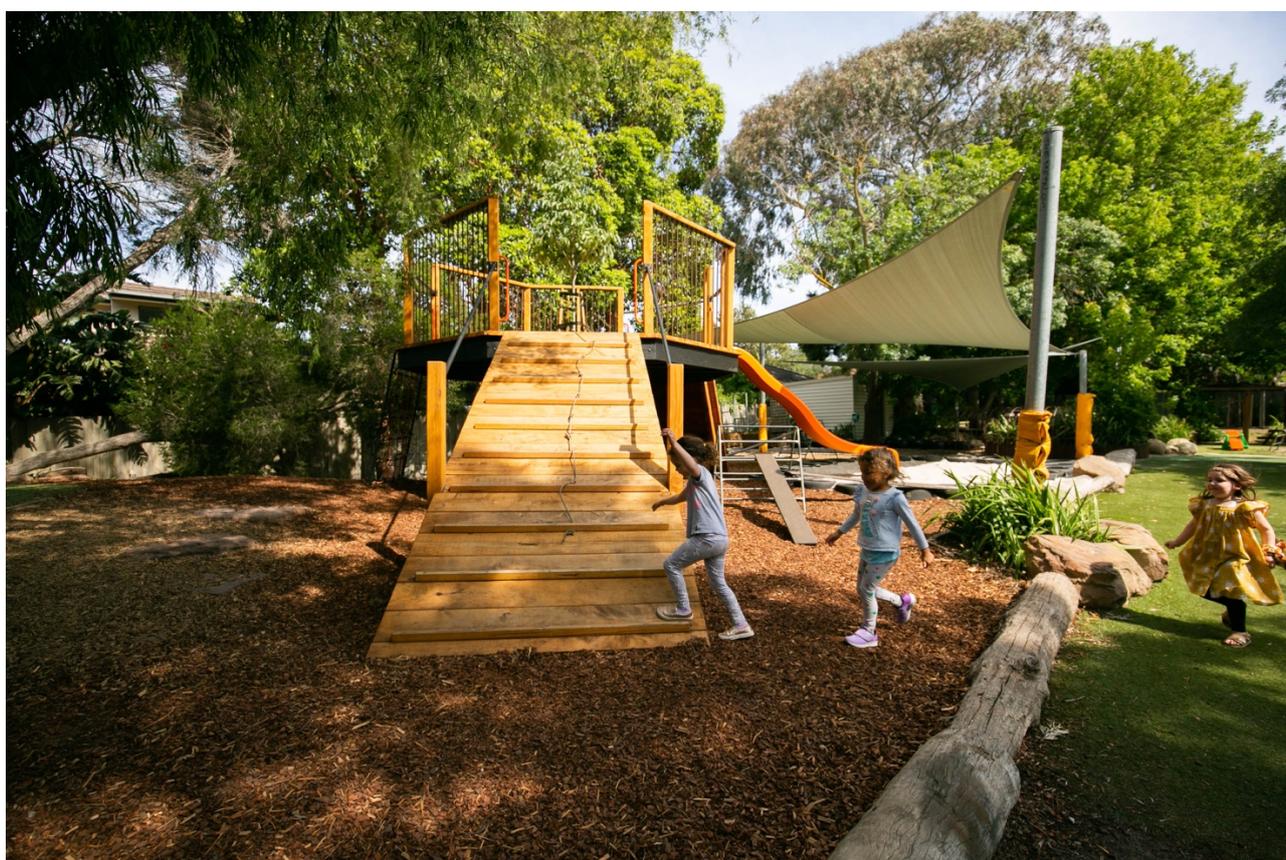




Welcome to Grange Road Kindergarten

Thank you for considering Grange Road Kindergarten (GRK) for your child. GRK is a community operated Kindergarten in Sandringham. A Committee of Management, made up of volunteer parents, works with our Educators to ensure that the Kindergarten operates smoothly and effectively.

We look forward to welcoming you to our kindergarten in 2021 and hope that you and your child will enjoy all that our kindergarten has to offer.



Our Philosophy

Grange Road Kindergarten we believe that strong reciprocal relationships are central to creating a successful kindergarten experience for children and their families. We value collaborative partnerships between families, children, educators, the Committee of Management and our community to foster a greater sense of belonging for all. Collaboratively, we work to create an environment where children feel safe, secure, respected and supported.

We acknowledge and welcome each child and each family's uniqueness and diversities. At Grange Road Kindergarten we foster the importance of children developing an understanding and respect for themselves, others and the environment. We recognise that diversity contributes to the richness of our community and provides opportunities for different ways of knowing and being. We encourage the contribution of families within all aspects of the Kindergarten to strengthen the sense of community within our service. We strongly believe that being at Kindergarten should be a fun and happy experience for both children and their families.

Grange Road Kindergarten acknowledges the first peoples of this land where we learn and play, the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nation. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future and make an ongoing commitment to authentically embedding Aboriginal culture within our Kindergarten environment and programs.

We value and encourage partnerships with other professionals and members of our broader community. Collaborating with these stakeholders provides support and strengthens the services we are able to provide children and families.

We recognise and value the importance of children being able to actively explore, engage and experience the natural environment and all it has to offer. We highly value outdoor experiences where children are appropriately challenged and encouraged to take considered risks in their play. We understand the importance of giving children the time to "just be" and connect with their environment and natural materials. At Grange Road Kindergarten we actively strive to ensure children have the opportunities to play, explore and learn whilst outdoors. Intentional teaching in and about the outdoors encourages an appreciation and respect for the environment, introduces sustainability practices and develops a sense of responsibility for the world in which we live

Our Educators

At Grange road we have a dedicated team of educators, many of whom are parents themselves, and who live locally in Bayside. Each Three and Four year old group is staffed by a qualified Early Childhood Teacher and an Assistant Educator who is usually Diploma qualified. Our staff Ratio is one to 11 children. Teacher profiles are available on our website.

Groups and Times

We aim for a group size of 20 children in each 3 year old and 22 children in each 4 year old.

PROPOSED timetable for 2021 (subject to change)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
Blue 4yo (Kerstin and Kim)		8.30-4.00		8:30-4.00		15 hours
Orange 4yo (Kathryn and Jayne)		8:30-4:00			8:30-4.00	15 hours
Yellow 4yo (Delia and Sharon)	8:30-1.30		8:30-1:30		8:30-1:30	15 hours
Red 3yo (Sue and Andrea)	1:00 -4:00		9:30-12:30			6 hours
Green 3yo (Sue and Andrea)	8:30-11:30			9:30-12:30		6 hours
Extended care Tbc.	1:30-4:00 (4yo)		12:30-4:00 (3yo) 1:30-4:00 (4yo)	12:30-4:00 (3yo)	1:30-4:00 (4yo)	3.5 or 2.5 hrs

Proposed Fees for 2021

4yo fees based on 15 hours \$610 per term.

3yo fees based on 6 hours \$530 per term.

Enrolment Fee: \$100 non-refundable fee.

Extended Care Session: 2.5 hrs - \$320 per term. 3.5 hrs - \$440 per term.

Family Involvement Levy. \$150 refunded once two working bees, or social events, or committee duties are completed. Please refer to our full fee Policy which can be found [here](#). Some families may be eligible for the kindergarten fee subsidy, which provides card holders with 15 hours per week of free four year old kindergarten. Details can be found [here](#)

Victorian Government School Term Dates for 2021 (approx.)

First Day of School	28 Jan 2021	
Term 1 Holidays (Autumn)	2 Apr 2021	18 Apr 2021
Term 2 Holidays (Winter)	26 Jun 2021	11 Jul 2021
Term 3 Holidays (Spring)	18 Sep 2021	3 Oct 2021
Term 4 Holidays (Summer)	18 Dec 2021	30 Jan 2022

***Although we do not operate in school holidays, we do offer holiday activity days on occasion.**

Curriculum

We follow the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF) and National Quality Framework. In our last review we were rated 'Exceeding' the National quality standard.

Extended Care

Extended care is offered to all currently enrolled students at an additional cost. Priority is given to students attending kinder that day. Note that Extended care usually starts in Week 3 of term 1

Parent Involvement

We are an Incorporated Association, run by a Committee of Management, made up of parents. Parents are asked to volunteer for kinder duty each term in 3 and 4 year old kindergarten. These sessions are a lot of fun and it is a great way to get to know the educators and the other children in your Kinder group. A roster will be provided by the educators early in the year. We have a very active Social Committee, who organise many different activities such as group coffees/dinners, a welcome and farewell event each year, mothers and fathers day, and a social/fundraising night for parents.

Policies

Grange Road Kindergarten reviews and updates its policies annually. Policies are compiled in a Policy Manual, a copy of which is available for reading in the foyer. Copies of individual policies can be obtained by contacting the Kindergarten office on 9598 2397 or they are available on our website.

Kindergarten Readiness

Starting kindergarten is a big step, as it is the beginning of your child's more formal education, or education outside of the home. Once a child begins 3 year old kinder, their education journey has commenced with the expectation of moving on to 4 year old kinder the following year, and to school the year after. Every child's development is unique. However, research suggests that children that turn 3 between January and April of that kinder year, can significantly benefit from waiting a year and starting 3 year old kinder in the year they turn 4. It is common for children born in January to April to defer their kinder entry, therefore starting school when they are 5. If you have any concerns about kindergarten readiness we encourage you to arrange a time to talk with our educators. More information is available on our website [here](#).

How to Enrol at Grange Road Kindergarten

Grange Road Kindergarten participates in the Central Registration scheme at Bayside City Council. Places for the kindergarten program within the City of Bayside are allocated according to a number of criteria which are regularly reviewed. **Registration must be completed online via Bayside City Council.**

<https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/kindergarten>

The enrolment period for 2021 commences on the 1st April 2020. Due to the CO-Vid 19 Pandemic we are unable to offer tours in term 2. We do not anticipate being able to offer tours for some time. We strongly advise you to register for kindergarten as we often fill quickly.

Once you have been offered your place at Grange Road Kindergarten, you will then be referred to our website to complete the enrolment process. You will need to Finalise your enrolment with Grange Road, and submit your preference for groups. Group allocation is subject to our enrolment policy, which can be found on the website. We are not able to allocate groups until all offers have been made by Bayside City Council.

2020 (Current year): We currently have a few places remaining in 3yo, but are full for 4yo kinder.



Frequently asked Questions

1. Is my child old enough to enrol in the 3 year old program?

To be eligible to enrol in the 3 year old program, a child must turn 3 by 30 April 2021 but cannot attend until their 3rd birthday. Payment in full of term 1 fees is required even if the child starts part way through the term.

2. Is my child old enough to enrol in the 4 year old program?

To be eligible to enrol in the 4 year old program, a child must turn 4 by 30 April 2021. They will be able to commence at the beginning of the year even if they have not turned 4 yet.

3. How will I know if I have been given a place?

Bayside Council staff will issue offers via email to parents around 1 June 2020. You will need to accept/decline this offer via the Bayside Kindergarten Portal link.

4. What happens after I accept Bayside Council's offer via the Bayside Kindergarten Portal link?

You will be directed to GRK's website which will have a 'Finalisation of Enrolment 2021' form that you must complete and return directly to the kindergarten within 7 days.

5. Do 4 year old children repeating need to re-register via Bayside Council?

No. Enrolment for 4 year old repeats is done directly through your teacher at Grange Road. If your child has done 4yo at another kinder they will need to register, and have been approved for another year of kindergarten.

6. Do 3 year old children repeating need to re-register via Bayside Council?

Yes

7. What happens if my child can only attend kindergarten for part of the time, i.e. cannot attend all sessions?

This is Ok, however you are still required to pay the full term fee. Your child may miss some incursions, excursions or activities.

8. Can a child register for more than one 4 year old group or at multiple kindergartens or long daycare?

Yes. However, a child already registered for 4 year old cannot take the place of a 4 year old wanting their first funded year. Furthermore, the child cannot receive the funding for more than one program of 15 hours. Please contact the kindergarten for further information if this applies to you.

9. Does my child need to be vaccinated to be enrolled at Grange Road Kindergarten?

Yes. All parents/guardians planning to enrol their child at childcare or kindergarten in Victoria must provide the service with a current Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). The statement must show that the child is up to date with all vaccinations that are due for their age, or that they are able to receive. An Immunisation History Statement from the AIR is the only type of immunisation record accepted by early childhood and care services for the purposes of confirming enrolment.