



grange road kindergarten

Welcome to **Grange Road Kindergarten**. GRK is a community operated Kindergarten, welcoming and encouraging the involvement of families. A Committee of Management, made up of volunteer parents, works with our Educators to ensure that the Kindergarten operates smoothly and effectively.

Our Philosophy

Grange Road Kindergarten provides a happy and relaxed environment where each child is valued as an individual. Our experienced approach to learning is through play. We value creativity highly. Our varied and balanced program respects each child – challenging and extending development in all areas. Each child, regardless of gender or ability, is encouraged to participate in all activities. Our aim is to prepare children for life’s challenges by emphasising the importance of communication, collaboration, optimism and conflict resolution skills.

We are very proud of our Grange Road Kindergarten team. Our caring staff members are a team of highly experienced, trained, and qualified early childhood professionals. They take their role in the development of our children very seriously and are passionate about what they do.

Groups and Times

4 year old groups are 28 children, 3 year old groups are 22 children. Staff ratio is one staff member for 11 children.

PROPOSED timetable for 2023 (subject to change, dependent on demand)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
Blue 4yo	8.30-4.00		8.30-4.00			15 hrs
Yellow 4yo		8.30-2.30		8.30-2.30	8.30-2.30	18 hrs
Red 3yo	8.30-4.00		8.30-4.00			15 hrs
Green 3yo		8.30-2:30		8.30-2.30	8.30-2.30	18 hrs
Extended care		2.30-4.30		2.30-4.30	2.30-4.30	2 hrs

Extended Care

Extended care is offered at an additional cost. Preference will be given to those attending kinder that day, but if vacancies allow children can attend on another day. Extended care usually starts in Week 3 of term 1. Extended care will only run if there is sufficient demand.

Fees for 2023 – (subject to change)

4yo & 3yo fees based on 15 hours – covered by ‘Free Kinder’ subsidy

4yo & 3yo fees based on 18 hours – \$330 for 3 hours above 15 hrs covered by ‘Free Kinder’ subsidy

Plus \$100 non-refundable enrolment fee.

Extended Care Session: 2 hrs - \$240 per term.

Families with a Health Care Card of Refugee status receive free kinder.

Please refer to our full Fees Policy on our website – www.grangeroadkinder.org.au

Funded Kindergarten

Sessional Kindergarten in Victoria is partly funded by the Victorian State government. In 2023 Both 3yo and 4yo kinder will receive funding. This funding is paid direct to the kindergarten and does not attract the Child Care Subsidy as paid to Long Day Care providers. The Committee of Management is a not-for-profit association registered with Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. More information on funding can be found here: <https://www.vic.gov.au/kindertick>

Victorian Government School Term Dates for 2023

**Kinder terms generally align with govt. school terms, however additional child free days may be held for set up, clean up, and professional development.*

Term 1	30 th Jan	6 th April
Term 2	24 th April	23 rd June
Term 3	10 th July	15 th Sept
Term 4	2 nd Oct	20 th Dec

Parent Involvement

Parents are asked to volunteer for kinder duty each term. These sessions are a lot of fun and it is a great way to get to know the teachers and the other children in your Kinder group. **We also have an active committee of management which will be voted in at our AGM in November 2022.** A parent involvement levy is charged in term one and refunded when two working bees or activities are completed.

The Kindergarten Community

We have a Social Committee, who organise many different activities such as group coffees/dinners, a welcome and farewell event each year, mothers and father's days, 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.

Registration Process

Grange Road Kindergarten participates in the Central Registration scheme operated by Bayside City Council. **Registration must be completed online via 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. Information regarding the criteria for the Bayside Central Registration scheme can be obtained from the Council's website at: <https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/kindergarten>

The enrolment period for 2023 commences on the 1st May through until 19th June 2022. Offers received July 11th. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Grange Road Kindergarten has been rated Exceeding under the National Quality Standard and follows Child Safe Standards.

