



# 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.

## **Funded Kindergarten**

In 2024, Grange Road Kindergarten will opt-in to receive 'Free Kinder' funding from the Victoria Government for 15 hours per week for both 3yo and 4yo kinder programs. This funding is paid direct to the kindergarten and does not attract the Child Care Subsidy as paid to Long Day Care providers. Programs more than 15 hours per week and the extended care program are subject to fees (see Fees below). 'Free Kinder' participation will be reviewed annually and participation is subject to financial viability. The Committee of Management is a not-for profit association registered with Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. More information can be found here: [www.vic.gov.au/give-your-child-the-best-start-in-life](http://www.vic.gov.au/give-your-child-the-best-start-in-life)

## **Groups and Times**

4 year old group sizes are 28 children and 3 year old groups are 22 children.  
Staff ratio is minimum one staff member for 11 children.

## **PROPOSED timetable for 2024 (subject to change, dependent on demand)**

Group	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 per session

## **Extended Care - (subject to minimum enrolment)**

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

## Fees for 2024 - (subject to change)

	Fees	Frequency
<b>Kindergarten program 15 Hours per week (Red &amp; Blue Groups)</b>	\$0	Per term
<b>Kindergarten program 18 Hours per week (Green &amp; Yellow Groups)</b>	\$360	Per term
<b>Extended Care session</b>	\$260	Per Term
<b>Kindergarten Enrolment Fee (refundable) *</b>	\$150	One off
<b>Extended Care Session Enrolment Fee (refundable)*</b>	\$125	One off

Red & Blue Groups sessions are 15 hours per week and is fully covered by the 'Free Kinder' funding.

Green & Yellow Groups sessions are 18 hours per week of which the extra 3 hours over & above the 'Free Kinder' funding and incurs a term fee as noted in the table above.

Note that excursion fees and late fees may apply.

\*Conditions apply, please refer to our full Fees Policy on our website [www.grangeroadkinder.org.au](http://www.grangeroadkinder.org.au)

## Victorian Government School Term Dates for 2024

*\*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 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 28<sup>th</sup> March

Term 2 15<sup>th</sup> April 28<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 15<sup>th</sup> July 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Term 4 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

## Parent Involvement

As a community kindergarten, we rely on our parent volunteers to help manage the kindergarten through participation in fundraisers, working bees and/or kinder duty. These sessions are a lot of fun and it is a great way to get to know the teachers, parents 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 2023.

## 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 are available on our website or can be requested by emailing [admin@grangeroadkinder.org.au](mailto:admin@grangeroadkinder.org.au).

## 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:

[www.bayside.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

**The enrolment period for 2024 commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> May through until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Offers will be emailed to families by Bayside Council from the 24<sup>th</sup> July.** If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [enrolments@grangeroadkinder.org.au](mailto:enrolments@grangeroadkinder.org.au)

**Grange Road Kindergarten has been rated Exceeding under the National Quality Standard, is a Child Safe Organisation and complies with the Child Safe Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme.**

