

DEFERMENT INFORMATION SHEET

The Department Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) funds each eligible child for one year of kindergarten. Your child is eligible to attend kindergarten if they turn 4 years of age on or before 30th April in the year they attend the kinder program.

Deferment may be considered if your child turns 4 years of age between 1st January and 30th April in the year of attendance, or if parent's and/or teachers have concerns about their child's readiness.

Deferment can be a difficult decision for parents to make. Below is a list of frequently asked questions and information to consider when making your decision.

What is Deferment?

Deferment is delaying your child's entrance into kindergarten, and subsequently primary school by one year.

Who can Defer?

It is an option for families who's child will turn 4 years of age between 1st January and 30th April in the year they are eligible to attend kindergarten. It may also be considered if there are concerns about the developmental delay of the child, regardless of birth date.

Who decides to Defer the Child?

The decision is usually reached through considerable discussion between the parents and the kindergarten teacher about the child's best interests.

Timeline for Deferment

Parents may choose to defer their child's entry for the entire year - OR - Commence the kindergarten year and defer prior to the end of term 2. Your decision must be finalised by the end of Term 2 for your child to be eligible for a funded kinder place the following year.

Deferment Process

Deferment forms are available from the enrolment officer at each kindergarten or may be downloaded at www.kinderstogether.com.au or by phoning Kinders Together on 5629 6069. Deferment forms are to be completed by the parent/s and returned to Kinders Together, PO Box 96, Bunyip VIC 3815.

A child who is deferred will be guaranteed a place the following year.

Further Information Available:

Further information regarding deferment can be obtained from:
Preschool Field Officer, Cardinia Shire Council Phone: 1300 787 624.