

“Plenty of long day care services provide an approved kindergarten program. My daughter attends one of them and is loving it and learning a lot.”

– Mother-of-two, Brisbane



“My son has loved his kindy year. He has made great friends and enjoyed wonderful learning experiences that I know have helped prepare him for school.”

– Parent from a community kindergarten

Many services have wait lists so it’s a good idea to plan ahead to secure a place for your child.

Enrol now

To find a kindy program in your area or for further information call the Kindy Hotline during business hours on 1800 454 639 or visit www.qld.gov.au/kindy

Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates.



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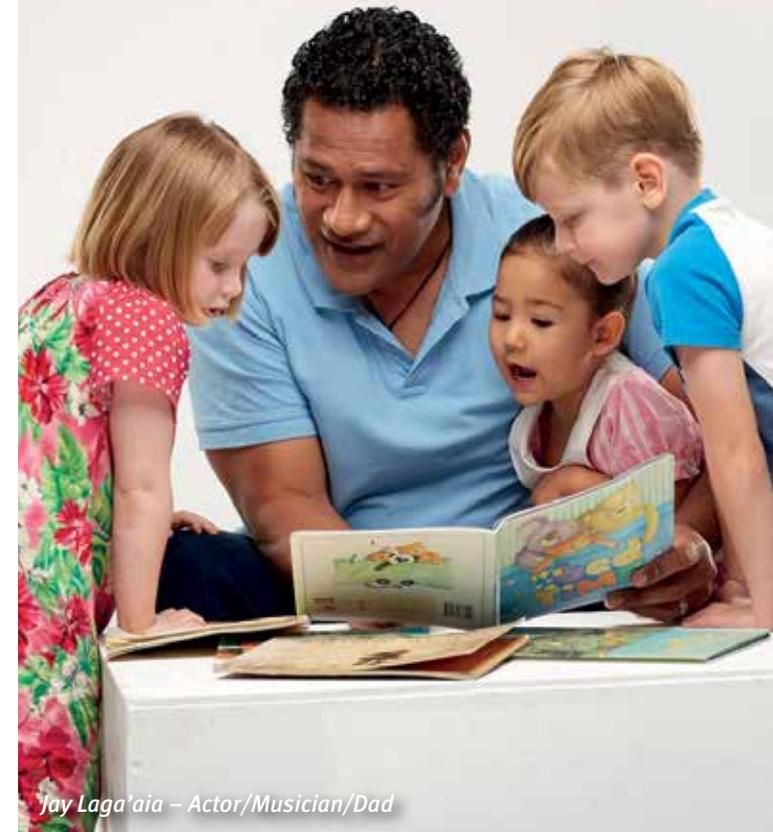


For more information in a language other than English, phone 1800 454 639 and ask for an interpreter.

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Kindy counts!



Jay Laga'aia – Actor/Musician/Dad



The benefits of kindy

Kindergarten is a part-time educational program for children in the year before school.

Enrolment in a Queensland Government-approved kindergarten program will help your child make friends, develop a love of learning and be better prepared to start school.

What your child will learn

In a kindy program your child will participate in play-based learning.

They will be supported to:

- use language to communicate ideas and feelings
- make friends, share and play with others
- become more independent and confident
- develop self-discipline
- express themselves through art, dance and dramatic play
- engage in problem solving activities.

When to start kindy

In Queensland, children can attend kindy in the year before school. Speak to your chosen kindergarten service about the best time to enrol your child.

What kindy costs

Kindergarten fees vary depending on the service. Contact your preferred kindy for details about their fee structure.



Low or no cost kindy

Low or no cost kindergarten is provided to eligible families who:

- hold a current Australian Government Health Care Card (or have a child who does)
- are a foster family with a current Australian Government Health Care Card
- identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does)
- have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

The subsidy is provided directly to your service provider to reduce your out of pocket expenses. It can only be claimed once, even if you meet multiple criteria.

Families of children participating in a kindergarten program in a long day care setting may also be eligible for additional Commonwealth Government rebates such as the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

Information about eligibility for these rebates is available from Centrelink.

Choosing a kindy

Kindy programs can be delivered in a range of settings including stand alone kindergarten and long day care services, as well as eKindy – a distance education program for Queensland children who are unable to access a centre.

Look for the 'kindy tick'.



Services that display the 'kindy tick' offer a program:

- delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher
- typically 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year, for children in the year before school
- aligned with the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline or other Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority accredited learning program.

