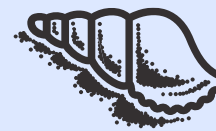


Community Kindergarten Infrastructure Survey – FAQ's



Mornington
Peninsula Shire

What is the Best Start, Best Life reform?

In 2022, the State Government announced the Best Start, Best Life reform. The reform includes scaling up 3-year-old kindergarten from five hours to 15 hours per week by 2029, and from 2026, a 10-year transition will see 4-year-old kindergarten increase from 15 hours up to 30 hours per week.

Why are you running this survey?

We are gathering service provider feedback on the condition, suitability, capacity and location of local kindergarten infrastructure to inform our response to recent State Government reforms.

Feedback will support Council in finalising the kindergarten infrastructure review and inform future advocacy, planning and decision-making.

What do you mean by “kindergarten infrastructure”?

This survey focuses on the physical buildings and outdoor areas only – it is not about teaching quality or program delivery.

Why are you only asking about 25 kindergartens?

We're only asking about 25 kindergartens as these operate from buildings owned and maintained by Council. Council doesn't run kindergarten services.

In addition, Council maintains Seawinds Early Learning Centre and Somerville Kindergarten under lease agreements with the State Government but does not own them so they are not part of the community feedback.

There are approximately 48 other early years services (sessional kindergartens and long day care centres) that also provide funded kindergarten to Peninsula families. Council does not own or maintain these buildings.

Who should complete this survey?

To ensure we receive one response per Council-owned kindergarten facility, the survey will be sent to the approved provider for each service, who will be responsible for coordinating and submitting the response.

The approved provider can determine who within their organisation is best placed to provide the information and contribute to the response.

What happens after the survey closes?

We will review and analyse all responses, which will be reported back to Council. These insights will help inform our response to the State Government's Best Start, Best Life reforms.

