



School Readiness Funding

Practical, tailored support in your kindergarten setting.

We work alongside children, educators and families in the environments where learning and relationships actually happen. Our team observes, models practical strategies, builds confidence and capacity, and designs support around the needs of your kindergarten community.

We'd love to learn about your kindergarten community.

Share what's important to your children, educators and families, and we'll work with you to shape practical support around their needs.

No one-size-fits-all package. We tailor support to your children, educators, families and identified priorities.

Support can respond to needs including



Social & emotional development

Emotional literacy, co-regulation, self-regulation, confidence and wellbeing.



Social connection & play

Joining play, cooperative play, friendships, peer interaction and participation.



Communication & language

Understanding and using language, social communication and group participation.



Sensory regulation & participation

Supporting children to regulate, engage, participate and access their environment.



Access & inclusion

Removing barriers to participation and helping educators adapt environments and approaches.



School readiness & transition

Independence, confidence, communication, routines and continuity into school.

Our approach: observe • work alongside • model • coach • review

Support can be delivered in-setting, collaboratively and practically, with strategies that continue after we leave.

Ways we can support your service through School Readiness Funding

Different pathways can be used depending on your service, funding plan and the support required.

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Multidisciplinary Allied Health

Existing independently arranged Menu pathway

- Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology and multidisciplinary consultation.
- Observation, assessment and support within the kindergarten environment.
- Communication, regulation, participation, inclusion and social-emotional wellbeing.
- Educator consultation, modelling and coaching; family consultation and capacity building.

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Practical In-Setting Coaching

Existing SRF Coaching Menu pathway

- Experienced early childhood professionals working alongside educators on the floor.
- Observation, practical modelling, reflective discussion and goal setting.
- Problem solving, environmental strategies, follow-up and review.
- Focus on strategies educators can confidently embed every day.

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Family & Keyworker Support

Family Support Worker Menu pathway where requirements are met

- Parent and caregiver guidance, family capacity building and practical strategies.
- Identifying barriers to participation and linking families with services and community supports.
- Strengthening family-kindergarten relationships and coordinating support around the child.
- Our keyworker model already works across child, family, educator and community.

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Regular In-Setting Educator Support

Additional Educator pathway - subject to engagement requirements

- Qualified early childhood educators working regularly alongside kindergarten teams.
- Increase meaningful adult-child interaction and support vulnerable cohorts.
- Strengthen participation, inclusion, social connection and play.
- Explore regular fortnightly or ongoing support where the Menu requirements are met.

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Flexible Funding Support

For eligible services - subject to Department approval

- Tailored supports designed around identified cohort needs rather than a fixed package.
- Nurture Together: social connection, cooperative play, regulation and peer relationships.
- Gentle Transitions: child, family, educator and receiving-school transition support.
- Play-based, nature/animal-supported, family and educator capacity-building programs where appropriate.

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School Readiness & Transition

Practical support across the child's environments

- Communication, regulation, independence, confidence, social connection and routines.
- Work across child, family, kindergarten and receiving school.
- Transition planning, educator consultation and continuity of strategies.
- Support can be tailored to Term 4 or embedded earlier across the year.

Pool your SRF. Create a bigger local impact.

AEL-SRF and collaborative funding opportunities

Kindergarten services can pool School Readiness Funding to purchase shared supports. The AEL-SRF model is designed for intensive support across vulnerable children, families and participating services. If several local kinders share similar needs, talk to us about collaborative coaching, family support, multidisciplinary input or a pooled approach.

We'd love to hear from you. Let's explore how we can best support your children, educators and families.

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All supports are subject to current SRF guidelines, service eligibility, practitioner requirements and Department approval where applicable.

