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GOLDEN SQUARE KINDERGARTEN INC.

Incorporation No. A0028630C

45 PANTON ST. GOLDEN SQUARE

PHONE -54437668

Email: admin@goldensquarekindergarten.com.au



GOLDEN SQUARE APPLICATION FORM

	Please write year/s you wish to enroll your child	Please indicate Long day if first preference	Please indicate Short day if first Preference	Circle option for hours
Pre Kinder- 3 year old (Must be 3 years old by April 30 in year of enrolment).	YEAR	2 Long days 7.30-6.00pm EMUS	Short day 7 1/2 hours PENGUINS	
		OR		
4 year old Kinder (must be 4 years old by April 30 in year of enrolment).	YEAR	2 Long days 7.30-6.00pm WOMBATS	Short day 7 1/2 hours POSSUM/JOEYS	Short day 7 1/2 hours KANGAROOS
		OR		

Child's first name

Child's surname

Child's Date of Birth

Child's Postal Address

Post Code

1ST Parent/guardian full name

Parent/guardian phone number

1ST Parent/guardian Postal Address

Parent/guardian email

2ND Parent/guardian full name

Parent/guardian phone number

2ND Parent/guardian Postal Address

Parent/guardian email

Please answer the following to ensure priority placement.

Is your child connected to Child's Services or child Protection?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a Health Care Card/ Pensioner CC or DVA?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your child a Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or refugee?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child have a learning delay or disability?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detail learning delay or disability & Early Intervention contact/key worker.				
Did you have any previous siblings attend Golden Square Kinder? Year, group and name of child				

Please supply a copy of your child's Immunisation History Statement .
NB-NO IMMUNISATION NO ENROLMENT
HEALTH CARD HOLDERS-Please supply a copy of your health care card.

Any additional notes:

Failure to provide up to date information may result in loss of position or inability to enrol.

NEED HELP

Please phone kinder to arrange visit or seek further information. We are taking enrolments for the next 3 years.

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Applications made **directly** to Golden Square Kindergarten (GSK) will be processed quickly and allocations to groups will occur at **the end of first term in the year prior to attending.**

Applications to enrol through Loddon Mallee Preschool Association (LMPA) will not be processed until July/August.

If you accept a place at GSK you cannot accept a place with LMPA.

Kindergarten funding for 3 & 4 year olds for 15 hours per week in 2023 is FREE.

Future funding for kindergarten will be advised for each year.

Please select your option by ticking a box for the year-

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LONG DAY

EMUS - 3 year old TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 7.30-6.00

WOMBATS - 4 year old TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 7.30-6.00

SHORT DAY

PENGUINS - 3 year olds WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS 9.00-4.30

POSSUMS/JOEYS - 3 & 4 year olds MONDAY & FRIDAYS 9.00-4.30

KANGAROOS - 4 year olds MONDAYS & WEDNESDAY 9.00-4.30

NB -This program provides before and after care for two days. Fees apply for the care component . We do not receive any rebates.

Please complete this form in full and return to admin@goldensquarekindergarten.com.au or to:

Golden Square Kindergarten
45 Panton Street
Golden Square, Vic 3555

If you have any queries or concerns please refer to our website

www.goldensquarekindergarten.com.au, the above email address or call us on **5443 7668**.

By enrolling I understand:

- If choosing the long day program option I understand this includes the care component fee.
- Fees are TBA
- Days and fees are subject to change.
- GSK does not operate during school holidays.
- The kindergarten is not eligible for the Child Care Rebate.
- Failure to provide an immunisation statement or correct contact details will result in forfeiture of your child's position.

Parent Name.....Parent Signature.....

DATE:-

Golden Square Kindergarten 2025 Onwards

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		7.30– 6.00		7.30 –6.00	
OLD CHUM BUILDING	9.00—4.30 KANGAROO	WOMBAT	9.00 - 4.30 KANGAROO	WOMBAT	9.00-4.30 POSSUM & JOEYS
	4 year olds	4 year olds	4 year olds	4 year olds	3 & 4 year olds
		Before & Aftercare fees Apply		Before & Aftercare fees Apply	

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		7.30– 6.00		7.30-6.00	
NEW CHUM BUILDING	9.00-4.30 POSSUM & JOEYS	EMU	9.00—4.30 PENGUINS	EMU	9.00 - 4.30 PENGUINS
	3 & 4 year olds	3 year olds	3 year olds	3 year olds	3 year olds
		Before & Aftercare fees Apply		Before & Aftercare fees Apply	

F.A.Q

What does kinder cost? - Government Funded Free Kinder

Free Kinder will be available for both 3 and 4 year old kindergarten programs from 2023.

A critical part of the Best Start, Best Life reform is Free Kinder, which will support access to two years of high-quality kindergarten programs for all Victorian children by making this free.

This means that in our short day program children attend 15 hours of kindergarten for free. **In our long day program the kindergarten component is subsidized by the government, however we charge a before and after 'care component' to allow children to attend two long days per week. This allows children to attend longer than the 15 hours per week (7.30-6pm). This is called the 'care component' fee.** To see more details on our fees you can view our website at

<https://www.goldensquarekindergarten.com.au/fees-1>

How many hours kindergarten will Pre-kinder and four year old kindergarten receive at GSK in 2023?

Both the three year old and four year old program will provide each child with the full amount of 15 hours per week.

When can my child commence three-year-old Kindergarten?

Your child needs to turn three years old before the end of April in the year they commence three year old kindergarten. Your child cannot attend three year old kindergarten if they are two years old. They cannot attend until they are three years old.

The Department of Education states that research shows that quality play-based learning is a powerful way to support children's learning and development. The benefits last into the school years and beyond. Evidence also shows that two years are better than one when it comes to early learning. Taking part in a quality kindergarten program at an earlier age leads to positive effects on child development. It has even greater benefits for children who need extra support or are in vulnerable circumstances.

Can my child have two years of three or four year old kindergarten?

Three Year Old Kindergarten

No. Your child can only have one year of funded three-year-old kindergarten. Then they must commence a four year old kindergarten program.

We strongly encourage families to **consider** when to start their children at three year old (Pre-kinder). Children Turning three at the beginning of the year may benefit from waiting until the following year to begin kinder. Please discuss your options with Educators to learn more.

For the following reasons:

-The first five years of a child's life are the foundation stones for learning, by giving them more time, you are giving them every opportunity to reach their full potential.

-A second year of funding for your child cannot be given unless your child is showing **delays in several areas of development**. Only then can this warrant a second year of four-year-old kindergarten. Immaturity is not usually a consideration.

The Department of Education states:

There may be a small number of children for whom a second year of kindergarten is appropriate. Your child may be eligible if:

-your child's teacher has found they have developmental delays in at least two key areas of learning and development, and
-your child will have better outcomes through a second year of kindergarten than going to school.

More information on a second year of kindergarten can be found at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/child-care-kindergarten/Pages/kindergarten-second-year.aspx>

IT'S A TWO YEAR JOURNEY OF EDUCATION!

We encourage families to enroll in our kindergarten for two years, attending three year old kindergarten and then four year old kindergarten.

What are some of the benefits of staying with us for two years?

-Our Social and Emotional Intelligence Programs (RULER APPROACH & You Can Do It Program) can be embedded in your child's learning over two years prior to school, cementing a great foundation for developing social and emotional intelligence.

-Continuity of Educators, by allowing your child to remain in the same environment with the same group of peers and educators for a minimum of two years ensures continuity of care and promotes the importance of meaningful and deep relationships and quality learning experiences.