

Flying Start Partners Webinar - 26 June 2026

Preschool Boost

Q & A Summary

Staff backfill funding

Q: Can Preschool Boost backfill funding be used to pay staff on a service closure day so the whole team can participate in training?

A: Yes. Preschool Boost funding can be used to release staff to participate in an approved Preschool Boost funded program or support, including on a service closure day, as long as total backfill expenditure does not exceed 25% of the total Preschool Boost funding allocation. Services should consider this cap when planning their spending and balance staffing costs with other Preschool Boost supports to maximise the benefits for children and educators.

Q: Is the staff backfilling co contribution increasing in 2027?

A: Yes. The updated rate will be communicated to services in the updated Policy and Funding Guide.

Purchasing resources

Q: Can services use their Preschool Boost funding to purchase resources, and what records are they required to keep?

A: If resources are prescribed in an approved Preschool Boost program description as required to support delivery, services can use their Preschool Boost funding to purchase those resources. General toys, equipment or resources that are not required to implement an approved Preschool Boost activity and are desirable to



support advice from an Allied Health Professional can't be purchased with this funding.

Services should keep receipts, invoices and other records for all Preschool Boost purchases as evidence of how funding has been spent.

Mandatory training

Q: Will the Aboriginal Cultural Safety training be available for services to complete online?

A: Yes. In addition to being offered face-to-face or a live online workshop, Aboriginal Cultural Safety training will be available as an online module from 2027. This will provide services with greater flexibility in how they access and complete the training.

