

# Your Flying Start roadmap for the next 4 months

Your Office for Early Childhood Development (OECDE) Local Team is here to support you through the EOI outcome process and your preparation to deliver 3- and 4-year-old preschool from July 2026.

Below is a summary of the key activities we'll work through together.

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## April

- Receive your letter of offer to partner with the OECDE to deliver Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool in 2026, along with your Funding Agreement for review.
- Inform relevant staff in your service/s that you will be delivering Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool from mid-2026.
- Meet with your OECDE Local Team and preschool leadership team to learn more about the benefits of being a Flying Start partner and what partnership involves.

**Remember:** Partnership outcomes are embargoed until the state government's public announcement (anticipated late May 2026). In the interim, share the outcome only with essential internal stakeholders and remind them of confidentiality requirements.

## May

**Key date:** 14 May – Return your executed Funding Agreement / Variation

- Sign and return your Funding Agreement to confirm your partnership.
- Receive your Flying Start onboarding welcome pack, including service signage for display after the public announcement.
- Work with your OECDE Local Team to access resources and prepare your service and staff to actively promote and deliver Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool.
- Attend the webinars designed to build your readiness for delivery.
- Share information with current and prospective families about Flying Start 3-year-old preschool and next steps.
- Share information with families with children entering or in their year before school about Flying Start 4-year-old preschool and next steps.
- Explore the Preschool Toolkit of professional development resources and share these with staff at your service.

**Tip:** Now is a good time to familiarise yourself with the current **Policy and Funding Guide** and exclusive digital and physical resources available for you via the Flying Start partner service webpage.



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## June

- Promote the Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool and its benefits using the exclusive digital and physical resources available for partner services via the Flying Start partner service webpage.
- Hold information sessions for families to promote the benefits of Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool, with support from your OECD Local Team and help families register interest.
- Become familiar with Priority of Access arrangements and how to apply them in your service.
- Finalise Term 3 enrolment offers, ensuring each child has a signed declaration and consent form for Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool.
- Prepare to submit Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool enrolment data for weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3 to the OECD by 7 August 2026.
- Work with your OECD Local Team to confirm your Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) and program arrangements.
- Attend webinars on key topics supporting your readiness for Term 3 delivery.

**Tip:** Now is a good time to explore the benefits of Flying Start for families and review your AEDC data.

## Flying Start 3- and 4-Year-Old Preschool Delivery Begins

## July

**Key date: 20 July** – Preschool begins.

- Receive Flying Start launch packs for all children registered to attend preschool from Term 3.
- Support relevant staff to commence the mandatory foundational training.
- Celebrate welcoming your first Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool children.
- Continue engaging with families and supporting enrolments throughout Term 3.
- Complete your Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool enrolment data for children enrolled during weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3, with support from your OECD Local Team. This will need to be submitted by 7 August 2026.
- Learn more about upcoming Professional Network meetings to connect with other Flying Start services.
- Begin developing your Targeted Support Plan (Preschool Boost, Ready Set Preschool) with your OECD Local Team.

You will receive regular updates and correspondence from the OECD through our fortnightly e-bulletin, and you can find relevant key information and resources on the Flying Start partner service webpage.

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