

# Flying Start for kids

Ready to launch check in



Government of  
South Australia

# Acknowledgement of Country

## From the heart:

We acknowledge the Aboriginal peoples as the First peoples of South Australia and as custodians of the lands, waters, skies and communities where we live, learn and raise children.

We recognise Aboriginal peoples as having the longest living culture, raising children safe and strong in their Identity, Community, Culture, and connection to Country.

We pay our deep respects to Elders past and present, and their role as the first knowledge sharers for children. We follow in their footsteps.

Aboriginal peoples, working with and for children, are central in shaping our work. Their wisdom, advice, and guidance enriches our practices, creating a more inclusive and culturally safe environment for children and families.

We respect Aboriginal peoples' ways of being, doing and wise practices guiding our continual learning.

Together we walk and build stronger, more supportive communities for all children.



# By the end of today's session



## You should be familiar with:

- Data submission and enrolments requirements from now until early 2026
- EOI information for 2027 delivery
- Our plans to celebrate the launch of 3-year-old preschool

**We have also allocated time to undertake a ready to launch check in.**



# Data submissions and enrolments



- The **iApply link is now closed** and the OECD is not accepting any resubmissions with additional enrolments.
- Any **additional preschool enrolments received can be included** in the Term 1 2026 confirmed data submission.
- The OECD is currently undertaking **duplication and eligibility checks** and will liaise with services where required.
- Term 1 2026 data submission **should include 'children enrolled' in Term 1** but that may not start at the beginning of the term.

# Flying Start consent forms



- A 3-year-old Registration of Interest and Declaration and Consent form and/or 4-year-old Declaration and Consent form must be signed for all children in the preschool program.
- They seek consent for child's data to be shared with the OECD, and declare where a child will access their preschool program.
- **Funding cannot be claimed for a child where consent has not been obtained through a completed declaration and consent form.**
- The forms are not enrolment forms, but should complement existing enrolment forms and processes. We encourage you to include them as part of your enrolment process, and are exploring ways to digitise these forms going forward.
- **Continue to promote the availability** of 3- and 4- year-old preschool to your families and communities, and **collect 3-and 4-year-old declaration and consent forms for all interested children**. Once obtained, they can be submitted as part of your Term 1 2026 confirmed enrolments.

# Deliver preschool in 2027



- Expressions of interest (EOI) will **open next week for long day care services** to partner with the state government to deliver Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool programs from 2027.
- Providers and services need to **meet the core requirements** as outlined in the Policy and Funding Guide.
- 2027 partnerships will be **prioritised based on:**
  - quality, including a service's Assessment and Rating against the National Quality Standards;
  - Early Childhood Teacher readiness; and
  - location, including broad geographic coverage and areas of disadvantage as defined by the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas.
- The OECD has **developed a guidance document** for expressing interest to deliver Flying Start preschool in 2027.
- Services who **did not express interest or who were not selected** in the prior EOI round are welcome to express interest for 2027 partnership.
- The **iApply link and a step-by-step user guide** will be available from 8 December 2025.

# Celebrating the launch of 3-year-old preschool



## My Flying Start

### Launch pack for each child



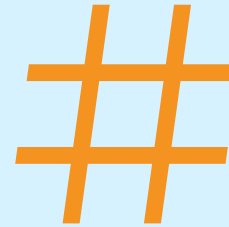
- Flyers, merchandise (magnets, stickers, activity sheets)
- PLUS posters and collateral for each site

### Statewide media



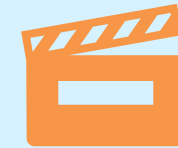
- Celebrate local stories across 8 regions, including metro, regional and remote areas

### Social media



- Draft posts and tiles to be provided for sharing across your platforms
- #MyFlyingStart

### Video creation



- Capture video content, showcasing children and teachers on their first day



# Ready to launch check in



To review the responses from this Menti please see the attachments in this fortnight's e-bulletin or download [5 December Mentimeter Results](#).



Mentimeter

As we approach the launch of 3-year-old preschool for January 2026, it's timely we check in to see how we can continue to support you in bringing the Flying Start reforms to life.

There are no wrong or right answers, we genuinely want to hear what else we can do to refine our support to Flying Start services and providers.

## Connect with us

For more information, please contact Local Teams at: [OECD.LocalTeams@sa.gov.au](mailto:OECD.LocalTeams@sa.gov.au) or visit the website: [www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au](http://www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au)

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# Questions

