

Your Flying Start roadmap for the next 4 months

Your Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) Local Team is here to support you through the EOI outcome process and your preparation to deliver 3- and 4-year-old preschool from January 2027.

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 OECD to deliver Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool from Term 1 2027, along with the Funding Agreement for your review.
- Inform relevant staff in your service/s that you will be delivering Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool in 2027.
- Meet with your OECD Local Team and preschool leadership team to discuss next steps and what being a Flying Start partner involves.

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



May

Key date: 14 May — Return your executed Funding Agreement

- Sign and return your Funding Agreement to confirm your Flying Start partnership.
- Receive your Flying Start onboarding welcome pack, including service signage, for display after the public announcement.
- Work with your OECD Local Team to deepen your understanding of Flying Start and prepare for 3- and 4-year-old preschool.
- Attend the webinars designed to build your readiness for delivery.

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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- Display your Flying Start service signage and access promotional resources available for partner services via the Flying Start partner service webpage.
- Familiarise yourself with Priority of Access arrangements and how to apply them in your service.
- Share information with current and prospective families about Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool and next steps.
- Attend the webinars designed to support your readiness for delivery.
- Explore the Preschool Toolkit professional development resources and share these with staff.

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



July

Key milestone: Targeted support planning begins.

- Hold information sessions for families to promote the benefits of Flying Start 3-year-old preschool, with support from your OECD Local Team.
- Begin developing your Targeted Support Plan (Preschool Boost, Ready Set Preschool) with your OECD Local Team.
- Continue attending webinars that support your service's readiness for 2027.

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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