



KINDY IS A DEADLY CHOICE

HOW TO CHOOSE A KINDY

When choosing a kindy, consider your family circumstances and your child's needs. You might like to visit a few to see what they offer and compare them.

Make sure it's an approved kindy

Approved kindy programs meet government guidelines and support participation in quality early childhood education. An approved kindy program is

- provided in the year before a child goes to Prep, meaning children have to be 4 by June 30 in 2018
- play-based
- delivered by qualified early childhood teachers
- run for 15 hours a week for 1 school year.

Play-based learning helps kids prepare for school, develop a love of learning, develop skills useful for life, and make friends.

Quality standards

There are national standards that apply to almost all kindies. These aim to improve the quality and consistency of care and education, and ensure programs are focused on the areas that affect a child's learning and development.

What to ask a potential kindy?

- What time do they open and close? Are there any days they aren't open?
- Do the fees fit in with your budget?
- Are there places available for 2018?
- Is there a waiting list? And if so, is there a fee to be placed on it?
- Are there any extra costs or charges on top of the fees?
- What supports are available for children with additional needs?
- Do they offer an education program?