

Fees

Term fees are determined by the Committee of Management each year. In 2016 fees are \$320 per term. These fees allow the kindergarten to offer an extensive and varied program. They cover:

- The running costs of the kinder;
- All consumables
- All excursions
- Attendance at performances;
- Weekly Kelly Sports Program
- Easter, Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Christmas Gifts

To enable us to keep kinder fees to a minimum, each family is requested to assist with the following:

- Grounds maintenance
- Working Bees
- Laundry
- Fruit Preparation

Session Times

Group 1

Monday and Wednesday, 8:45am - 2:45pm

Friday, 8:45am - 11:45pm

Group 2

Tuesday and Thursday, 8:45am - 2:45pm

Friday, 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Enrolment Policy

Black Hill Kindergarten is government funded for 50 children annually. The program is designed for a maximum number of 25 children in each of the two groups. Each group attends 15 hours of kindergarten a week.

Enrolment Applications

Black Hill Kindergarten is part of Central Enrolments with Ballarat City Council. Enrolment forms can be obtained from Ballarat City Council.

The State Government provides funds to Black Hill Kindergarten for 50 child placements annually.

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An eligible child must be at least four (4) years of age on or before 30th April in the year of attendance.

Applications for four-year-old kindergarten in 2018 close Friday 30 June, 2017.

If your child will be four years old by 30 April 2018 and you would like them to attend kindergarten next year, sign up now to the City of Ballarat Centralised Enrolment Scheme.

First round offers for four-year-old kindergarten places in 2018 will be sent out in the first week of August. Applicants are encouraged to respond to their offer as detailed in the letter. Second round offers will also be sent in August, with final round offers in early September 2017.

The City of Ballarat's Central Kindergarten Enrolment Scheme is an initiative to ensure the whole community has access to a fair, equitable and timely system for processing kindergarten enrolments. The centralised system replaces individual applications and endeavours to secure a place at the preferred centre.

Local families may submit an enrolment form with three preferences for participating kindergartens.

Complete the [Online Enrolment Form](#)

Download and print the [Kindergarten Enrolment Form](#)

- Kindergarten Enrolment forms are also available at:
 - The Phoenix (25 Armstrong Street South)
 - Parent Place (Corner Sturt and Albert Streets)
 - Local kindergartens
 - Ballarat Libraries
 - Maternal and Child Health Centres



*“At Black Hill Kindergarten
we provide a supportive, nurturing
environment for children,
easing the transition from home to
school life.”*

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Black Hill Kindergarten The Philosophy

Black Hill Kindergarten provides a supportive, nurturing environment for children and their families. We provide positive experiences in a safe and stimulating environment that encourages children to work towards their capabilities under the Victorian Early Years Learning Framework.

Discovery play has the amazing ability to stimulate and integrate a wide range of children's interests, (physical, social, creative and spiritual), while they are sharing play experiences with caring supportive adults and children.

The kindergarten teacher's planned program underpins the learning outcomes from the Early Years Learning Framework. This Framework uses five outcomes to describe the key elements of children's learning and development. These are:

- **Identity** - Children have a strong sense of identity.
- **Community** - Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
- **Wellbeing** - Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
- **Learning** - Children are confident and involved learners.
- **Communication** - Children are effective communicators.

Educators

Our educators are highly qualified and work in partnership to achieve the goals and vision of the kindergarten. Our educators include:

Barbara Carter

Tristan Backshall

Mandy Dalgleish

Maddi Lawson

Louisa Masom

Parents and Families

Parents and extended families belong to our kinder community and are always welcome, and encouraged, to support and contribute to the education and care of their children.

Association with Black Hill School

The Black Hill Kindergarten and Black Hill Primary School have a close association. In addition to the management and administrative support, the Kindergarten gains valuable curriculum information and use of the schools facilities. There are also a variety of planned and impromptu gatherings with the whole school community.

The Black Hill Kindergarten and Black Hill Primary School community are pleased to have the opportunity to support each other socially to ensure that the children have the best pre-school education possible.

Newsletter

We have a weekly newsletter which keeps parents informed about what is happening at kinder, excursions, fund-raising activities and reminders about rostered duties.