

Media Release

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1,700 MORE KINDER PLACES ON SCHOOL SITES

Busy Victorian families will save time and avoid the dreaded double drop off thanks to the Allan Labor Government, with 11 more kinders set to open at government schools in 2026 and 2027.

Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn and Member for Footscray Katie Hall visited Footscray North Primary School today to announce the additional 11 kinders which will open from 2026 – providing easy access to a great early education for families and kids.

The new kinders will create more than 1,700 additional places for local families at:

- Manor Lakes P-12 College (opening 2026)
- Iramoo Primary School
- Point Cook South P-9 (interim name)
- Skye Primary School
- Fishermans Bend Primary School (interim name)
- Mirniyan Primary School
- Clyde Creek North Primary School (interim name)
- Carwatha College P-12
- Sunbury College
- Footscray North Primary School
- Benalla P-12 College Clarke Street Campus

In 2027, the Labor Government will deliver 10 new kinders – helping busy Victorian families ditch the dreaded double drop off, and providing a smooth transition for kids from kindergarten to school.

Today's announcement also increases the total number of kinders being delivering in 2026 to 23.

The Labor Government is investing billions to build and expand hundreds of kindergartens across the state, supporting the delivery of 15 hours of Three-Year-Old Kindergarten each week by 2029 and up to 30 hours of Pre-Prep each week by 2036.

Since 2019, the Labor Government has delivered 60 new or expanded kindergartens on or near school sites.

This includes a kinder being delivered on site or next door to every new government primary school built since 2021.

Our nation-leading \$14 billion *Best Start, Best Life* reforms are transforming early childhood education, helping young Victorians have the very best start in life.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn

"We're building new kinders at schools right across the state, making quality kindergarten programs easier to access and making life easier for Victorian families."

"These kinders will create more than 1,700 kindergarten places for Victorian children, bringing quality kindergarten programs to communities where they are needed most."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"We're proud to be delivering more local kinder places for families in the inner west – ensuring more local kids get a great early education."

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