

City of Greater Bendigo Priority of Access Guidelines for 2027

Two levels of priority of access are applied through the centralised kindergarten registration process to ensure equity and that kinder is made accessible for our most vulnerable children.

DE's Priority of Access Guidelines

High Priority Children – Tier 1 (Score 10)

- The Child is eligible for Early Start Kindergarten or Access to Early Learning, and/or
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children
- Children from a refugee or asylum seeker background
- Children at risk of abuse or neglect, including children in Out of Home Care
- Children from families with multiple births (triplets or more)
- Children and/or families with additional needs who require additional assistance to fully participate in the kindergarten program
- Children and/or families holding concession cards (Commonwealth Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans' Affairs Card)
- Children accessing an additional year of Three and Four- year-old kindergarten or Pre-prep

High Priority Children – Tier 2 (Score 8)

- Children currently attending the service in the Three-year-old kindergarten program and seeking to access Four-year-old kindergarten or Pre-prep at the same service for continuity of learning

Having satisfied the above Priority of Access Guidelines, remaining places will be allocated utilising the following City of Greater Bendigo Priority of Access Guidelines

Local Priority of Access – Tier 1 (Score 6)

- The child has a sibling who is enrolled this year and attending this service the following year

Local priority of Access – Tier 2 (Score 4)

- Children who reside within 5km distance of the service

Local priority of Access - Tier 3 (Score 3)

- Children who have had a sibling attend the service within the previous three years

Local priority of Access - Tier 4 (Score 2)

- Children of City of Greater Bendigo residents