

Starting Preschool

Preschool is an important early step on your child's journey through education, giving them the chance to play, learn, grow and develop.

Since 2014, South Australia has implemented same first day of preschool for all children. This will be the first day of term one.

The same first day of preschool will mean that every child will have four terms of preschool and then four terms of reception when they go to school.

It will also mean a more stable environment for children with fewer changes to groups throughout the year.

When can my child start preschool?

If your child turns four before 1 May, they will start preschool on the first day of term one.

If your child turns four on or after 1 May, they will start preschool on the first day of term one the following year.

The minimum age for starting preschool will then be three years and eight months.

What happens if my child has additional needs?

Children with additional needs* may start preschool early. This will be decided on an individual basis.