

School Readiness

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is Kids First an accredited DET school readiness provider?

A. Kids First is an accredited Department of Education and Training School Readiness Provider. This means that funded kindergartens can select Kids First as their provider of school readiness services. We will work with you to build the capacity of educators and the kindergarten as a whole to support children's social and emotional needs, using a trauma informed and relational approach, before they transition to school.

Q. How do I know my Kindergarten's funding allocation?

A. The Department of Education (Victoria) will contact you around September to inform you of your funding allocation for the following year. Each region in Victoria has a Kindergarten Improvement Advisor who you can direct any queries too.

Q. Can I access training or consultancy for our educators online?

A. Yes! We run online options for training and consultancy via Microsoft Teams.

Q. How long are the training sessions?

A. Each training package runs for approximately 2 hours.

Q. How many staff at my Kinder need to be trained?

A. Our training packages can be run for 10 people at the listed price, and more people may attend for an additional fee per person. Based on your funding allocation, you can decide how many staff members you wish to include. Consultancy is undertaken one on one with team members, or in small groups of 3 or 4 people.

Q. Can the training be tailored to my organisation?

A. Although our training packages have pre-designed content, our consultants are happy to take questions throughout the presentation and discuss various areas of the topic in more detail. This supports your team to get the most out of your sessions so that each person leaves the session with a solid understanding of how this can be used in their daily work.

Q. My Kinder has limited funding, can I mix and match or tailor the training?

A. Yes! We are happy to discuss a training plan that suits your needs and budget. It is best to give us a call so we can help figure out a plan that will help you make the most of your funding.

Q. My Kinder receives a high level of funding, do you offer 'boosters' or additional training throughout the year?

A. Yes! All of our training and consultancy can be tailored to meet your budget and training needs. We can offer ongoing support throughout the year based on your needs. Call us to discuss this further!

Q. What makes Kids First different from other SR providers?

A. Kids First has a number of kindergartens where we practise what we preach, everyday! We also conducted the first randomised control trial of its kind in Australia, to understand the impact of quality, trauma informed, and relational pedagogy on children experiencing adversity. All of our training comes from firsthand experience in the early years education sector.