

MELBOURNE/VICTORIA

FOUNDATION/PREP

2027 TIMELINE

AIRBOTIX FAMILY GUIDES

# Melbourne Foundation Admission Timeline

## 2027 Government School Age, School District, Documents and Application Steps

First confirm the year of admission by date of birth, then use the correct year and permanent residence address to search Find My School, and finally confirm the application method and documents with the school.

Applications for the 2027 Victorian Government School Foundation are open, with submissions accepted by 31 July 2026.

Verified version on July 11, 2026

Melbourne and Victoria families who are about to enter Foundation (Prep)



# 01

## Quick answer: year -> address -> school -> application

1. **Confirm year by date of birth:** Victoria's first year of elementary school is called **Foundation (Prep)**. Children can usually start when they turn 5 years old by **April 30** of the year of enrollment; children must continue schooling after they turn 6 years old, unless an applicable exemption applies. 2. **Select the correct year in Find My School:** Use the child's year of enrollment and permanent residence address to query the designated neighborhood government school, which is also the local school. Don't substitute postcodes, property ads, old screenshots, or group chats for official results. 3. **Contact the school directly:** Confirm whether the school uses [VicStudents](#) online enrollment or paper application, whether proof of address is required, and who is responsible for tour, information session, transition, EAL/support and OSHC respectively. 4. **Submit according to the current year's statewide timeline:** 2027 Foundation applications are open from **2026-04-20**, and the official due date is **2026-07-31**. Late submissions will still be processed by the school in the order they are received, but do not miss the deadline due to this.

**As of 2026-07-11, the most important thing for families preparing to enroll in 2027 is to do now:** Complete the Find My School query today, save the query year and results, contact the local school to obtain the correct application entrance, and take inventory of missing birth, immunization and address documents.

Official entry point: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) · [Find My School](#)  
· [Enrolling in school](#)

# 02

## Age/Date Decision Table

Let's first use the general rules to determine "which year it may be", and then use the official page to confirm the case with the school. The table is not an early/delayed entry suggestion.

Child's Date of Birth	2027 Foundation General Judgment	Next Steps for Parents
2022-01-01 to 2022-04-30	This is the youngest birth date period in which Foundation can start in 2027 according to the general rules	Use 2027 + permanent address to search Find My School and apply according to the 2027 timeline
On or before 2021-12-31, school has not yet started	Already meet the general minimum age, but still need to check when the child will turn 6 years old	Contact the school as soon as possible; if the child will turn 6 years old before starting school and plans to continue kinder/Pre-Prep, enter the exemption verification path
2022-05-01 or later	Under 5 years old by 2027-04-30, does not meet the general minimum age rules	Do not apply for early admission on your own; if you think there are special circumstances, consult the target school first to learn about the minimum-age exemption
Will turn 6 years old before starting school	Has entered the compulsory-school-age boundary	If you plan to continue kinder/Pre-Prep, ask the kindergarten teacher as early as possible and check whether you need to apply for school exemption
Already considering an additional year of funded kinder / Pre-Prep	It is not a funded place that parents can automatically obtain just by "wanting to be a year later"	The early childhood teacher will discuss with the family according to the official eligibility and assessment process; if the child will turn 6 years old before entering school, separate school exemption

**Quick algorithm for subsequent years:** The general eligible birth window for the target enrollment year Y can first be understood as "turning 5 years old before April 30 of year Y"; however, the official version must be re-checked every year for the application date, form and Find My School zone.

# 03

## 2027 Government School Foundation Timeline

Time	Parent Action	What to Save
Now	Check DOB; select 2027 and Primary in Find My School, enter permanent residence address	Query date, year, local school name, official school contact information
Starting from 2026-04-20	Contact local school and other schools under consideration; obtain online or paper application; optional tour can be booked	School reply, application portal, tour/info session date
Before 2026-07-31	Submit the Foundation enrollment application and supporting information required by the school to the school	Submit receipt, application ID, file list
2026-08-03 to 2026-08-14	View the application outcome	outcome letter and next steps issued by the school
Before 2026-08-28	If you receive an offer, respond according to the school's instructions; if you need to appeal, follow the official steps to submit a written appeal	offer response or appeal receipt
After offer to before Term 1	Complete formal enrollment form, document supplement, transition/orientation, medical/support and OSHC inquiries	final enrollment confirmation, important contacts and calendar nodes

This statewide timeline applies to 2027 Victorian government primary schools, including P-9 and P-12 schools; **does not apply to government specialist schools, nor does it apply to Catholic or independent schools.** 2026 mid-year/late enrollment should contact the school directly. The timeline will be reissued every year, and the date from 2027 cannot be used until 2028.

# 04

## Find My School: Follow these 7 steps with your complete address

1. Open [Find My School](#) ↗. 2. Select the year your child will enroll in, for example 2027, do not stay at the default year. 3. Select Primary; specialist schools have separate types and eligibility. 4. Enter your child's **Permanent Residence Address**. If a child lives at multiple addresses, the official definition usually looks at the address where the child lives most weekdays. 5. Record the designated neighborhood school, school zone and school contact information. 6. If the address is near a boundary, zoom in on the map to check the property location. The official tool tips that third-party address positioning may not be accurate in a few cases; if unable to locate, please contact [vsba@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:vsba@education.vic.gov.au) according to the tool instructions. 7. Save the date of inquiry and year of enrollment, then contact the school to confirm application and address documents.

### **Don't just enter suburb or postcode to determine local school.**

Find My School will also show nearby government schools, but "nearby" does not equal local school. Children have the right to attend the local school corresponding to their permanent address; they can apply for out-of-zone schools, but only if there are vacancies will they be processed according to the Placement Policy.

The core order of the current out-of-zone priority order is: first consider siblings with the same permanent address who are still studying in the school at that time; and then sort by the proximity of the child's permanent address to the school. Compassionate grounds are case-by-case, and tours, verbal positive responses, or sibling situations should not be considered guarantees of an offer.

# 05

## File list: application and final enrolment are prepared separately

### A. Prepare now

- Child's full legal name, common name, date of birth and parent/carer contact details.
- Child's name and DOB evidence such as birth certificate or passport.
- Current Australian Immunization Register **Immunisation History Statement**.
- Permanent residential address and documentation matching parent/carer name and address.
- If applicable: medical/action plans, court orders, care arrangements, disability/additional-needs supporting information.
- If you need an interpreter, please tell the school directly; official instructions indicate that school staff can assist with arrangements.

### B. Address proof may use 100-point check

The school may require proof of address. Categories listed on the 2027 Victorian Department of Education Residential Address Check include:

- **40 points, choose one:** council rates notice; registered real estate agent lease / rental board bond receipt; exchanged contract of sale.
- **20 points, optional:** Show Centrelink payment statement for home address; electoral roll statement.

# 06

## When calling the school, ask these 12 specific questions

1. Will your 2027 Foundation use VicStudents online application or paper form? 2. Does the Find My School result of my permanent address correspond to your school? How do I need to verify the border address? 3. What documents need to be submitted during the application stage? Is a 100-point residential address check required? 4. Is reservation required for tour/information session? Is it just getting to know the school, not an enrollment guarantee? 5. Will application outcome and offer response be sent via email, portal or paper mail? 6. What enrollment forms and documents need to be completed after the offer? 7. When will the Foundation orientation/transition date be announced? How to hand over the Transition Learning and Development Statement for the kinder my child is in? 8. When the primary language at home is not English, who should the application interpreter and EAL support contact? 9. When and with whom are reasonable adjustments and transition planning discussed when a child has a disability, developmental delay, medical condition, or adjustment needs? 10. Is before/after school care (OSHC) managed by the school or an external provider? Who should I check with for 2027 availability, waitlist, hours and enrolment? 11. If you are considering out-of-zone application, how do you need to submit it and how to deal with the current Placement Policy? 12. If you move or your contact information changes, when and how will you update the application?

# 07

## Melbourne council and local school: who is responsible for what

Melbourne is composed of multiple local government areas, and there is no entrance to Foundation school places uniformly allocated by "Melbourne council".

Question	Correct Entry
Which Victorian government school corresponds to your permanent address	Find My School + Department of Education
Foundation application, tour, orientation, EAL/support	Target schools
Government school placement, out-of-zone and appeal	School + Victorian Department of Education policy/regional office
Council rates notice whether it can be used as evidence of address	Department's Residential Address Check; ask the school for actual requirements
Council immunization clinic, local family service, some kinder services	Place of residence local council or corresponding provider
OSHC vacancy, hours, fees	School listed OSHC provider; do not assume council managed
Catholic / independent school application	Corresponds to school/system; does not use government-school statewide timeline inference

Therefore, the most useful question to ask a council is usually: 'Who provides this local home/immunization/children's service?' rather than 'What school is in my school zone?' School zone is subject to the correct year query from Find My School.

# 08

## The 10 Most Common Mistakes

1. Write the rules for Victoria Foundation/Prep as NSW Kindergarten or Queensland Prep. 2. Only looking at “how old” the child is and not checking the DOB by April 30 of the year of entry. 3. The enrollment year of Find My School is not switched, and the old zone screenshot is used. 4. Believe the school zone written in real estate advertisements, postcodes or group chats. 5. Treat nearby school, tour or EOI as local-school right or place guarantee. 6. Applying for an out-of-zone school without clarifying the local school and placement policy risks at the same time. 7. Do not check the outcome after submitting the application, and miss the 2026-08-28 offer response. 8. The name and address in the address file are inconsistent with the application, or materials that cannot be verified are submitted. 9. Mix council kindergarten registration, Find My School and school application into one process. 10. Decide on early/delayed entry on your own, but fail to confirm with the school, kindergarten teacher, regional office or professional within the specified time.

# 09

## Check 10 minutes before submission

- I confirm that Victoria's first year is called Foundation (Prep).
- I checked the target entry year and April 30th boundary by child DOB.
- I selected the correct year, Primary and full permanent address in Find My School.
- I saved the query date, local school name and official contact details.
- I have confirmed with the school to apply online/paper instead of just attending the tour.
- I know that the 2027 application due date is 2026-07-31. If the application is late, I will contact the school directly as soon as possible.
- I prepared DOB, AIR Immunization History Statement and address/support documents required by the school.
- I distinguish between local school right and out-of-zone application.
- I have identified offer response, orientation, transition, EAL/support and OSHC as separate issues.
- If it comes to early/delayed entry, I have not made any conclusions on my own and have entered the official exemption/assessment path.

# 10

## Official sources, versions and regional boundaries

This version was verified as of **11 July 2026 (AEST)** from the following official Victoria Government / Department of Education sources:


- [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\): 2027 steps, dates, pack and application ↗](#)
- [Find My School: official enrollment-year school-zone tool ↗](#)
- [Enrolling in school: address, placement, documents, disability and appeals ↗](#)
- [Foundation \(Prep\) enrolment policy and statewide timeline ↗](#)
- [2027 Residential Address Check ↗](#)
- [School age requirements and minimum-age exemptions ↗](#)
- [Going to kindergarten if your child is 6 years old ↗](#)
- [Additional year of funded kindergarten or Pre-Prep from 2026 ↗](#)
- [Transition to school resources for families ↗](#)

**State/city boundary:** Age, government-school timeline, school zones, Placement Policy and Foundation enrollment are managed by Victoria; schools identify their own application method, tour, orientation, transition, support and OSHC provider; local councils only handle child, family, immunization or kinder services within their responsibilities and do not determine the Victorian government school zone. Specialist, Catholic, independent, international-student, and home-schooling paths are outside the scope of this guide.

**Update Note:** Foundation date is updated every year; Find My School zones can be changed by enrollment year; school contact information, application method, tour, orientation, support and OSHC availability are all dynamic information. Before any public use, you should return to the original page above and confirm with the school on the same day.



# About Airbotix Family Guides

Airbotix Family Guides organizes what parents really need to do next by city, age, and official portal. For more family information, please visit [airbotix.ai](https://airbotix.ai) ; if you want to know about age-appropriate courses, activities or cooperation, you can contact Rain. Foundation admission decisions, dates, zones, documentation and placement are always subject to the latest instructions from the Victoria Government, Department of Education and target schools.

## NEXT STEP

# Save the correct entry

For Foundation policies, dates and zones, return to the official Victoria page to check; Airbotix Family Guides provides more parent information organized by city and age; for questions about courses or activities, please contact Rain.

[hello@airbotix.ai](mailto:hello@airbotix.ai)

### WEBSITE

#### Airbotix official website

Check out Family Guides, courses and workshops.



[airbotix.ai](https://airbotix.ai) ↗

### SALES

#### Contact Rain

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### SOURCE

#### Victoria Foundation official entrance

Check the 2027 timeline, application form and latest instructions.



[vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](https://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep) ↗