

Small and Regional Schools OSHC Funding 2027

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School Information

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School Details

Please use the School Entity Register Search to make sure that you are using correct information. This search can be found here;

<https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/ers/Pages/ershome.aspx>

Name of school applying for grant *

Organisation Name

Enter your school's name in this field, using the official name, i.e. including "Public School" or "College" in the name..

DET School ID Number *

Must be a whole number (no decimal place) and between 1 and 9999.

This is a four digit number between 1 and 9999. If unsure, check the Entity Register.

School Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Are you an eligible school?

Small and Regional Schools OSHC funding is open to schools which were previously grant recipients from the Outside School Hours Care Establishment Grants Initiative between 2021 and 2023.

The funding is available to schools who used the funding to establish a new OSHC service, that is, applicants from rounds 1, 2, 3A and 4A.

The funding is not available to schools which had an existing OSHC service and used the funding to add new sessions of care. For instance, if your school used the funding to add vacation care to its service which existed prior to the grants (applicants from rounds 3B and 4B), you are not eligible to apply.

You're must have fully acquitted your **OSHC Establishment Grant** to be considered for this new funding. For schools who received small and regional grants in 2025, you must have submitted your claims against your grants.

If you're not sure that your school is eligible, please do email OSHC Central team at : oshc.central@education.vic.gov.au to discuss.

Is the applicant a Victorian government school delivering primary aged or special education? *

- Yes
- No

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Was your school a recipient of an OSHC Establishment Grant from 2021-2023, for the purpose of starting a new service? *

- Yes
- No

If you received a grant to add new sessions of care to an OSHC service at your school in rounds 3B and 4B, you are not eligible.

Was your school recipient of small and regional schools OSHC grants previously?

- yes
- no

In what year did you receive the small and regional school OSHC grants?

- 2025
- 2026
- Both

Campus details

For each campus that you are applying for funding to support OSHC access, enter the campus name and what provision you are seeking. If your school has a single campus, just enter "Main campus" or your school's name and only complete the top row. If your school has multiple campuses, add additional rows by clicking the blue button with a plus sign on it.

Note: only campuses where OSHC was funded by the Establishment Grants can be included.

Funding will generally only be considered for after school care and before school care, or transport. Other delivery or other costs may be considered under exceptional circumstances only.

Name of campus	New Question
	If you have multiple campuses, click the + button to add more rows. At least 1 choice and no more than 4 choices may be selected.
	<input type="checkbox"/> After school care <input type="checkbox"/> Before school care <input type="checkbox"/> Transport off-site

Contact Information

Name of person submitting application *

Title First Name Last Name

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Role *

For e.g. Principal, Business Manager etc.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

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Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

New Section

Current OSHC Delivery

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What type of service is currently available at your school?

- On-site service delivered by school council as provider
- On-site service delivered by a third party provider
- Transport solution - students are transported to another OSHC service

Current Service information

What sessions are currently being offered by your OSHC?

- Before School Care
- After School Care
- Vacation Care

Licence Agreement

Please upload a copy of your Licence Agreement with your third party provider.

Please include any variations you have executed. *

Attach a file:

Child Care Subsidy and Fees

School council-delivered services must have, or taken reasonable steps towards approval to administer Child Care Subsidy to be considered for this grant.

This is because a service that does not have Child Care Subsidy approval can never become sustainable.

Schools are expected to be charging a market rate for services. Schools that are not doing this may be requested to change their fees to increase their chances of building towards financial viability.

Does your school have Child Care Subsidy approval? *

- Yes
- No, but application submitted
- No

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If offered, what does your service charge for before school care?

Must be a dollar amount.

What does your service charge for after school care? *

Must be a dollar amount.

About the Current OSHC Service

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How many children are currently enrolled in the OSHC service? *

Before School Care Attendances - Please enter average attendance for each day

Monday

Must be a number.

Tuesday

Must be a number.

Wednesday

Must be a number.

Thursday

Must be a number.

Friday

Must be a number.

How many days a week does before school care operate?

Must be a whole number (no decimal place) and between 1 and 5.

After School Care Attendances - Please enter average attendance for each day

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Monday

Must be a number.

Tuesday

Must be a number.

Wednesday

Must be a number.

Thursday

Must be a number.

Friday

Must be a number.

How many days a week does after school care operate?

Must be a whole number (no decimal place) and between 1 and 5.

Transport Attendances - Please enter average number of children using transport each day

Monday

Must be a number.

Tuesday

Must be a number.

Wednesday

Must be a number.

Thursday

Must be a number.

Friday

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Must be a number.

How many days a week is transport offered? *

5

Must be a number and between 1 and 5.

Average Before Care Attendance

This number/amount is calculated.

Average After Care Attendance

This number/amount is calculated.

Transport Attendance

This number/amount is calculated.

Staffing

What current staffing model is in place for Before School Care Operation?

- Single Staff
- Dual Staff
- Multiple Educators

What current staffing model is in place for After School Care operation?

- Single staff
- Dual Staff
- Multiple Educators

Do children from other schools or other campuses of your school attend your OSHC service?

- Yes
- No

Is there another OSHC service within 500 meters where students could attend?

- Yes
- No

Does your school operate a breakfast club?

- Yes
- No

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How many days per week does your breakfast club operate?

Must be a number.

Local Schools

Which other schools/campuses access your OSHC program?

How do children get from one service to the other? Please provide information on transport of children and who is responsible for this. At which school/campus do children get transported to and from?

Please provide the reason why the service does not currently operate five days a week - e.g. needs of community, difficulty staffing

Has the service operated consistently since service approval was granted?

- Yes
 No

Service not operating continually - reasons

Why not? Please provide any known causes of pauses or delays in service provision, e.g. difficulty staffing.

Community Child Care Fund - CCCF

In this section, outline any funding your school's service may have received from the **Australian Commonwealth Government.**

Has the service or the provider that was/is operating the service received Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) funding while it has been operating?

- Yes
 No

Has the service received any other funding or grant other than the OSHC Establishment Grant or the 2025 Small and Regional OSHC grant?

- Yes

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No

Only select "yes" if you received grant funding from a source other than the Victorian Government. Do not select "yes" for Establishment Grant or Small and Regional OSHC 2025 funding.

Funding Amount

How much funding was provided?

Must be a dollar amount.

Please provide details of funding. What was the name of the funding provided? When did you receive the funding? Have you utilised the funding provided?

Future OSHC Program

Model for 2027

In order to continue to provide OSHC in the future, would your school be willing to explore, change or adapt the services that are currently offered including:

- Changing or adapting how OSHC is delivered (ie, transport, single staff model, move to school council)
- Changing or modifying the number of session types available (such as only offering after school care)
- Increasing the fees charged to families

- Yes
 No
 Unsure

Model for 2027

Which service model would the schools be willing to explore moving forward?

- Third Party to School Council
 Third Party to Transport
 Transport to School Council
 School Council to Transport
 Not willing to explore another option for 2027
 Current model to unsure (discussion and guidance requested)

Please Email

Please email our OSHC Central Team (oshc.central@education.vic.gov.au) to ask to speak to a team member about your schools options for OSHC moving into 2027 before progressing with the form.

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Transport

Where would the children be transported to?

Have you contacted this school to discuss this option with the school or service?

- Yes
 No

Describe how this transport solution will work. Do you own your own bus? Does the school you are transporting to own a bus? Will children be transported by car?

Delivering a service through school council - things you need to know

You have indicated that you intend for the school's service to be delivered through your school council.

In order to establish the service, the school's Principal will be responsible for the following tasks:

- **Applying for provider approval from Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority (VECRA)**
- either **Applying for service approval from VECRA** or **Notification of transfer to VECRA**
- **Applying for Child Care Subsidy approval from the Australian Government**

Note that this process will require buy-in and participation from your school council.

Please contact the OSHC Central team (oshc.central@education.vic.gov.au) for advice and information about these processes.

The OSHC Central team is able to provide support with all the steps in this process, and we will be in regular contact by phone and email to assist.

A variety of [resources for school council-operated services](#) are available on PAL, including template policies, a template enrolment form and a sample position description for an educator you can use to advertise a position.

Funding

Current Budget

How much does your OSHC service cost to operate? (based on current expenditure or most recent acquittal)

- Weekly
 Monthly
 Termly

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Annually

Must be a dollar amount.

Remaining funding from OSHC Establishment Grants Initiative

Your previous OSHC Establishment Grant was paid to you in cash through the Student Resource Package (SRP).

If you still have cash available from this grant, please advise. Also advise if you are projecting to have any of this cash available at the end of the year.

Do not count any funding you have claimed through the Schools Targeted Funding Portal as part of the 2026 round of Small and Regional OSHC funding.

You're required to have acquitted this previous Grant to be considered for the new funding.

Round 2 and Round 3 schools were requested to complete acquittals in Term 1, 2025.

Round 1 and Round 4 schools have been requested to complete acquittals in Term 3, 2025 - forms are now available to complete. Email oshc.central@education.vic.gov.au if you need instructions regarding your school's acquittal status or completing the acquittal.

How much OSHC Establishment Grant funding in cash do you currently have left?

Must be a dollar amount.

How much, if any, OSHC Establishment Grant funding in cash are you projecting to have by the end of 2026?

Must be a dollar amount.

Available funding

There are three categories of OSHC expenditure that are supported by the grants:

1. Service operation support: this category of funding will support schools that operate a school council service, or in some cases a third party provided service, on their school site. The maximum amount of funding that can be allocated is \$40,000 annually.

This funding can be used for:

- staffing costs (wages/salary and benefits) of educators and administration staff.
- training and professional development, including supporting educators to obtain required qualifications, where required to sustain operation of the service.
- other fixed operational costs such as utilities costs.

This funding can't be used for:

- Costs that scale up or down depending on the number of children such as food or programming resources. These should be paid for out of income from families for use of the service.

2. Transport support: this category of funding will support schools that operate a transport solution between their school site and another local service for after school care or before school care.

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The maximum amount of funding that can be allocated is \$10,000 annually.

This funding can be used for:

- staffing costs for staff driving a vehicle, for time driving.
- fuel costs for a vehicle.
- bus accreditation costs and insurances
- standard annual maintenance of the vehicle used for OSHC transport.

This funding can't be used for:

- Transport other than from a school to an OSHC for after school care, or transport from an OSHC to school for before school care
- Transport to and from vacation care
- Transport to and from students' homes

3. Transition support: this category of funding is a **one-off payment** to assist with the additional regulatory costs and administrative time required to transfer an already operating third party service to a school council operated model. If your school receives a transition support payment, you are still eligible for service operation support in either the same year, or later years.

The maximum amount of funding that can be allocated is \$5,000 as a one-off payment.

This funding can be used for:

- staffing costs (wages/salary and benefits) for part of a staff member's FTE to account for additional administration or business manager time required for transition
- costs for regulatory approvals, which can include identity and fitness and propriety checks, and time completing applications
- Any new purchases required, which could include replacing resources previously supplied by a third party provider such as signage or storage

If you received this funding in the previous round of funding, you are not eligible to receive it in this round.

All maximum funding amounts are exclusive of GST.

Funding Request for 2027

In this section you will outline a proposed budget for your intended use of the funds. If you are successful in receiving a grant, you may amend this later.

Note: this is for 2027 only. You may request further funding for 2028 in a separate round to be held in 2027.

You must ensure that your funding request aligns with the expenditure categories outlined above.

We recommend you make the proposed budget relatively simple. You may add additional rows if you need to, i.e. new rows for additional campuses. If your proposed Expenditure Type is not included, select "Other" and put the details in a box that will appear below- we will advise if the proposed expenditure is eligible.

Any application requesting in excess of the specified caps (see above) will only be considered for a grant up to these amounts.

Note: the limits of the funding are \$40,000 per annum for on-site costs, \$10,000 per campus for transport, and \$5,000 for transition costs overall.

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Expenditure Type - 2027 only

	Must be a dollar amount and no more than 40000.
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

New Section

Other Expenses

Please describe in detail 'Other Expense' listed above and why this is required.

Budget Totals

Full Amount Requested

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Service Viability and Sustainability

* indicates a required field

Delivery

What strategies have been or will be implemented or established to ensure the ongoing viability and sustainability of the service? *

What other factors should be considered other than the viability and sustainability of the service when considering the application?

Additional Information

Do you have any additional comments to support your application?

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If additional information is required, what is most convenient day and time to contact you?

Please attach any supporting documentation you wish to include.

Attach a file: