



### Mid-year intake resumes in 2023.

Delivering on their election promise, the State Labor Government is introducing a mid-year intake for schools and preschools.

SA's public schools stopped multiple intakes in 2014.

### Starting Preschool

From 2023, children who turn 4 years old:

- before May 1 continue to start preschool at the beginning of the year
- from May 1 to October 31 start preschool through the mid-year intake at the start of term 3 of that year

- after October 31 start preschool at the beginning of the following year.

Children will complete 4 terms of preschool, regardless of whether they start at the beginning of the year or through a mid-year intake.

### Starting School

From 2024, children who turn 5 years old:

- before May 1 can start primary school (reception) at the beginning of the year
- from May 1 to October 31 start school through the mid-year intake at the start of term 3 of that year
- after October 31 start school at the beginning of the following year.

Students starting school at the beginning of the year will complete 4 terms of reception.

Students who start through a mid-year intake (term 3) will complete 6 terms of reception.

### Starting School

Click here [to find your local school and preschool](#).

You can apply to enrol your child in a school that's not your local school, but it will depend on available places.

Click here to see [how places are decided](#).

Most primary schools usually open their application process for next year before the end of term 2.

You can get an application form directly from the primary school you're interested in.

Try to apply by 30 June. You can still apply after 30 June, but it might be more difficult to get into a non-local primary school, or a primary school with a capacity management plan.

You can apply to more than 1 primary school.

You should also apply at your local primary school, in case your application to the non-local primary school is not successful.