

Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline 2026-27

All Victorian government primary schools (including P-12 schools) follow a statewide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline. The timeline provides key dates to apply and enrol your child into Foundation for the 2027 school year.

2026 Dates	What do parents/carers need to do?
Term 1: Tuesday 27 January (students start 28 January) – Thursday 2 April 2026	
Terms 1 and 2, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school tours organised by primary schools (<i>optional</i>).
By Thursday 2 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School zones for the 2027 school year are available. You can find your local school at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au.
Term 2: Monday 20 April – Friday 26 June 2026	
From Monday 20 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the start of Term 2, complete and submit your child's application – online here (VicStudents portal)
Term 3: Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September 2026	
By Friday 31 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit your completed application to the government primary school <u>by Friday 31 July 2026</u>.
Between Monday 3 August and Friday 14 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary schools will notify you in writing of enrolment outcomes during this period. If your enrolment application is not successful, and you believe you have appropriate grounds to appeal the decision, you may lodge a written appeal with the school using the Appeal Form, found in the Appeals information pack for parents and carers (DOCX and PDF), available on the Enrolling in school webpage.
By Friday 28 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm acceptance of your child's place by completing the required steps included in the enrolment offer. If you intend to appeal, submit a written appeal to the primary school <u>by Friday 28 August</u>.
By Friday 11 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary schools will notify you in writing of appeal outcomes. If your appeal is successful, you must complete an enrolment form to confirm acceptance.
By Friday 18 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your appeal to the school is unsuccessful, and you believe your appeal has not been adequately considered, you may lodge a written appeal to the relevant Department of Education Regional Director. For regional office details, email enquiries@education.vic.gov.au. A written appeal to the Regional Director must be submitted <u>by Friday 18 September</u>.
Term 4: Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December 2026	
Term 4, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend transition sessions hosted by primary schools.
By Friday 6 November 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have lodged an appeal with the Regional Director, the region will notify you in writing of the outcome by this date. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Friday 18 September.