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### **Deanside's youngest residents have a new place to learn**

The City of Melton's littlest learners have a new kindergarten to enjoy!

With the help of some three and four-year-olds, Deanside Kindergarten was officially opened on Monday by Victorian Minister for Early Childhood, Ingrid Stitt.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Goran Kesic said the two-room interim kindergarten opened in Term 1 this year ready for the statewide rollout of funded kindergarten for three-year-olds.

"It is co-located next to Deanside Primary School, creating a space for local children to start their lifelong learning journey from three-year-old kindergarten right through to the end of primary school, giving them continuity and security," Cr Kesic said.

"This centre will enable us to support many families and our youngest residents through their early development, giving them the best possible start we can.

"I'd like to extend our warmest thanks to the State Government for its support of early years' service provision in the City of Melton."

The temporary modular facility will be used to provide necessary kindergarten services for the growing community of Deanside until it is replaced with a four-kindergarten room integrated children's centre in 2026.

Deanside Kindergarten is a partnership approach between the State Government's Victorian School Building Authority, Melton City Council, Sparkways and Deanside Primary school, which promotes integration and provides a 'one stop shop' for local families with young children.

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