

Foundation

Enrolment Information

Primary schools
in the region



2026

2026 Foundation (Prep) information booklet Introduction

This booklet has been produced by the **Macedon Ranges Shire Council**. **Government, Catholic and Independent** primary schools from across the Shire have provided details of their open days, Foundation (Prep) information sessions and transition dates. It is important that all children commencing school in 2026 participate in their enrolled school's Foundation (Prep) Transition Program. This booklet also contains information about **Specialist** primary schools in neighbouring shires, and **Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)** services.

At this time of the year, parents are encouraged to contact schools to discuss the prospective enrolment of their pre-school aged children for the 2026 school year. To start primary school in 2026, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2026. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.

If further information is required, please contact individual schools directly on the details provided.



A message about transition from kindergarten

The transition from an Early Childhood setting to school is a major step for you and your child. The Transition Learning and Development Statement for every kindergarten child has been developed to support this transition.

The statement is completed by the Early Childhood (Kindergarten) Teacher and summarises your child's strengths, identifies their interests and shows how they can be supported to continue on their learning journey as they begin school. This statement can only be passed on to the school with signed parent consent on the transition statement.

Extra transition support

If your child is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, additional support for transition (if required) is available through the Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO) team. KESOs can provide transition support through assisting with enrolments, participating in transition activities, participating in Student Support Group meetings and supporting schools with culturally safe environments. The KESO team can be contacted via koorie.education.loddon.campaspe@education.vic.gov.au.

If your child has a disability or additional needs, we encourage you to contact your preferred schools as soon as possible to support enrolment processes. The Department of Education may also offer support and can be contacted on 1300 338 691 or nwvr@education.vic.gov.au.

The Association for Children with a Disability has extensive information on their website to build your understanding of how best to support your child's transition to school <https://www.acd.org.au/information/school/>.



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Department
of Education

Government Primary Schools

Enrolling at a Government school

If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2026, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian Government primary school from the start of Term 2, 2025 (Tuesday 22 April 2025).

Enrolments for all government schools should be finalised by Friday 25 July 2025:

[Enrolling in school | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

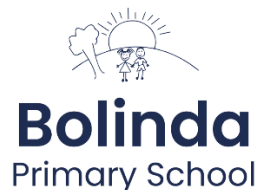
Transition from kindergarten to school

Along with the transition to school program provided at your child's kindergarten, below are resources available to support parents/carers and their child transition to school successfully:

[Moving from kindergarten to school | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au/moving-kindergarten-school\)](http://www.vic.gov.au/moving-kindergarten-school)

[Tips for starting school | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au/tips-starting-school\)](http://www.vic.gov.au/tips-starting-school)

[Disability and inclusive education | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education\)](http://www.vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education)



Bolinda Primary School

Address: 1 Mullalys Road, Bolinda 3432

Phone: (03) 5428 5317

Email: bolinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.bolindaps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Jordan Chamerski

Foundation Information Sessions

Foundation Information Sessions run in Term 2. Individual tours with our Principal, Jordan Chamerski, are most welcome.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 – time TBC

Other Information

At **Bolinda Primary School**, every child is valued and supported to succeed.

Explicit Teaching – Our **Literacy and Numeracy** programs, including **phonics-based reading** and **targeted maths**, build strong foundations.

Personalised Learning – Small classes ensure **one-to-one support**.

Wellbeing & Support – A **Student Wellbeing Officer**, **mindfulness**, and **peer support** build resilience.

Kitchen Garden Program – Our Prep students apply learning through **cooking** and **real-world experiences**.

Inclusive Community – We create a **welcoming, inclusive** environment where every child belongs.

At Bolinda, every child is seen, heard, and supported.

Visit us to see the Bolinda difference.



Darraweit Guim Primary School

Address: 2 Darraweit Valley Road, Darraweit Guim 3756

Phone: (03) 5789 1234

Email: darraweit.guim.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.darraweitguimps.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Carol Booker

Foundation Information Sessions

Individual tours by appointment are encouraged. Please call the Principal, Carol Booker, to arrange.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

Our 'First Steps to Foundation' transition program is implemented in term 4, consisting of five sessions across the term. Parent information sessions are held in conjunction with each session. Dates and times for each session are to be confirmed. Please contact the school for more information.

Other Information

At Darraweit Guim PS we offer all the advantages of a small school environment, whilst having modern classrooms with the latest technology. Our team of staff are dedicated and support all students to achieve success through personalised teaching programs and nurturing of individual talents. We also offer before and after school care.

"Building foundations for the future"



Gisborne Primary School

Address: 41 Prince Street, Gisborne 3437

Phone: (03) 5428 2022

Email: gisborne.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.gisborneps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Matthew Forrest

Foundation Information Sessions

Please contact the school to make a one-on-one tour with the Principal, Matthew Forrest.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 9:15 – 10:00am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9:15 – 10:00am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9:15 – 10:30am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9:15 – 10:30am

Other Information

At Gisborne Primary School we have a strong team that offer high level expertise in providing quality educational outcomes to all of our students. The teachers, supported by the leadership team, work in Professional Learning Community teams (PLCs) and strive to continually improve their practice to support the physical, emotional, artistic and academic growth of all students.

Our learning community is guided by our school motto, 'Caring Hearts, Caring Minds, Caring Actions' and we pride ourselves on our supportive culture where positive relationships are prioritised as well as a continuous endeavour for excellence.

Additional parent information sessions will be held during Term 4.



Hesket Primary School

Address: 800 Romsey Road, Hesket 3442

Phone: (03) 5427 0330

Email: hesket.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.hesketps.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Seona Aulich

Foundation Information Sessions

Individual tours can be organised by calling the Principal, Seona Aulich.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 9.15-11.00am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9.15-11.00am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9.15-11.00am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9.15-12.30pm

Other Information

Hesket Primary School is a small school nestled between the Camel's Hump and Hanging Rock. Hesket is known for its established Synthetic Phonics Literacy programs that are embedded throughout all levels of the school. We pride ourselves in the many programs our students can participate in, including Tournament of Minds, Maths Olympiad and leadership opportunities from an early age. Classroom programs include Visual Art, Physical Education, Classroom Music, Science/Sustainability and Auslan, as well as before and after care. Hesket is a school of choice, so we encourage you to book a personal tour to avoid disappointment.

"Great things happen in small places..."



Kyneton Primary School

Address: 49-79 Edgecombe St, Kyneton 3444

Phone: (03) 5422 1855

Email: kyneton.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Web: www.kynetonprimaryschool.com.au/

Principal: Alistair Rayner

Foundation Information Sessions

Parents are welcome to book an individual on-site information tour. Please contact the office on 5422 1855.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 2.30 – 3.15pm
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 2.30 – 3.15pm
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 2.30 – 3.15pm
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 12.00 – 1.30pm

Other Information

At Kyneton Primary School we believe our children are entitled to a high-quality education that is respectful of, and responsive to, their existing competencies, cultural heritage, and histories. We want our children to learn to their full potential in an inspiring, challenging, and supportive environment that promotes equity and excellence whilst attending to the wellbeing of all children.



Lancefield Primary School

Address: 80 High Street, Lancefield 3435

Phone: (03) 5429 2307

Email: lancefield.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.lancefieldps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Jo Emond

Foundation Information Sessions

Information session for 2026 prep parents and carers will be held at Lancefield Primary School on Wednesday 28 May.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 – time TBC

Other Information

At LPS, we work in partnership with parents and caregivers and acknowledge that the important relationships developed between students, teachers and yourselves is the key to your child reaching their full potential. We encourage an open and respectful partnership between school and home, reinforced by clear and consistent communication that flows in both directions. We welcome parents and caregivers to be active participants in their children's educational experiences. Children will flourish if the most important adults in their lives are working together to support them.

School tours are held regularly during every term. Please contact the school to attend a tour.

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Langley Primary School

Address: 7 Parsell Road, Langley 3444

Phone: (03) 5423 4125

Email: langley.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.langleyps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Frances Langenberg

Foundation Information Sessions

Wednesday 14 May 10.30 – 12.30pm

Wednesday 14 May 5.00 – 6.30pm

Saturday 17 May 10.30 – 12.30pm

Call the school or complete this [Google Form](#) to register your interest to attend one of the above sessions or contact the school to arrange a visit.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 10:30-12:30pm
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 10:30-12:30pm
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 10:30-12:30pm
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 10:30-12:30pm

An orientation program can also be tailored to suit your child's needs.

Other Information

Set within a natural environment of trees, farmland, and fresh air, Langley Primary School provides a peaceful, inspiring space for learning and growth, just 10 mins drive from Kyneton Post Office. We are a small but growing school with differentiated and individualised learning programs that caters really well for students who may be overwhelmed by bigger classrooms.

We have a strong focus on achieving great results in literacy and numeracy, as part of a broad and meaningful program.



Macedon Primary School

Address: 67 Smith Street, Macedon 3440

Phone: (03) 5426 1518

Email: macedon.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.macedonps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Andrew Bloomfield

Foundation Information Sessions

Please book a tour with our principal via our website or contact the school office for information session times.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025
- Tuesday 25 November 2025
- Tuesday 2 December 2025
- Tuesday 9 December 2025

Please contact school for times.

Other Information

Set at the foot of Mount Macedon, Macedon Primary School boasts a long and proud history of providing high quality learning opportunities for children. The teaching and educational support staff at Macedon Primary School offer high level expertise in providing quality educational outcomes to all our students. The teachers work in close knit teams and strive to continually improve their practice to support the emotional and academic growth of all students. Our learning community is guided by our school motto, "caring, sharing, learning" and we pride ourselves on our supportive culture and our continuous endeavour for excellence.



Malsbury Primary School

Address: 28 Cameron Street, Malsbury 3446

Phone: (03) 5423 2284

Email: malsbury.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.malmsburyps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Travis Pool

Foundation Information Sessions

School tours are welcomed and available anytime of the year on request, by contacting the school.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

There will be an Information and Get To Know You afternoon tea on Tuesday 4 November, providing newly enrolled Foundation students and families an opportunity to learn more about the transition program and get to know each other. Time TBC.

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 9.15-10.00am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9.15-10.00am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9.15-11.30am (includes recess play)
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9.15-2.30pm (includes recess and lunchtime play)

Other Information

At Malsbury PS, we believe everyone has the right to feel safe, connected, and appreciated in their learning environment. We value student voice and choice, and actively provide differentiated learning tasks using varying methods and delivery. Our community respects and celebrates differences in culture, beliefs or gender, and provides a safe place for everyone to be comfortable to be who they are. Our school values are Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Inclusiveness. We set high expectations, both academically and behaviourally, enabling our students to grow into respectful, inclusive, honest and socially aware members of society.



Mount Macedon Primary School

Address: 641 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon 3441

Phone: (03) 5426 1446

Email: mount.macedon.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.mtmacedonps.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Joseph Flynn

Foundation Information Sessions

Please contact the school to arrange a school tour. Parent Information session dates and times will be held in November and published on our website and social media accounts.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 – time TBC
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 – time TBC

Other Information

Our school is nestled in the scenic Macedon Ranges, the cornerstone of the community since its founding in 1858, with a rich history, weathering significant events such as the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires and more recently the COVID19 pandemic.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) was introduced in 2017, further enhancing our curriculum and preparing our students for a global future.

Mount Macedon Primary School continues to uphold a tradition of excellence, fostering a love of learning in every child.



New Gisborne Primary School

Address: 239 Station Road, New Gisborne 3438

Phone: (03) 5428 2232

Email: new.gisborne.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.newgisps.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Shane West

Foundation Information Sessions

School tours are conducted by our Student Leaders each Monday morning at 10:00am beginning Monday 28 April 2025. Please contact the school office for more information or to book your spot.

2026 Foundation Information sessions:

- Thursday 1 May 12:00pm
- Tuesday 13 May 6:00pm

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 9.00 – 10.30am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9.00 – 10.30am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9.00 – 10.30am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9.00 – 10.50am

Other Information

New Gisborne Primary School's vision is "To provide a high quality, balanced and challenging curriculum that allows students to perform to the best of their ability in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation". Underpinning and informing this vision are the school values: • Be Safe • Be Respectful • Be a Learner. The school's core curriculum comprises Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Humanities and embedding Digital Technologies across all curriculum areas. In 2025, BYOD iPads continued to be used in Years 4-6 with shared devices in Foundation to Year 3. Specialist and support programs include Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Literacy Intervention and Languages (Indonesian) for Foundation to Year 6.



Newham Primary School

Address: 1271 Rochford Road, Newham 3442

Phone: (03) 5427 0235

Email: newham.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.newhamps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Tim Furphy

Foundation Information Sessions

Please contact the school to arrange a tour of our school with our Principal, Tim Furphy.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 10:00 – 11:00am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9:00 – 11:00am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9:00 – 11:00am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 2:30 – 3:30pm

Other Information

Newham Primary School is a small regional school situated in picturesque surroundings near Hanging Rock. Our inclusive practices equip our students with the knowledge, skills and values to be independent lifelong learners. We value the partnership created by our school, parents and local community and encourage active participation in all facets of your child's learning journey.



Riddells Creek Primary School

Address: 69-77 Main Rd, Riddells Creek 3431

Phone: (03) 5428 7277

Email: riddells.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.rcps.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Sally Curmi

Foundation Information Sessions

Term 2 school tour dates, beginning at 9:15am

- Thursday 1 May
- Wednesday 7 May
- Friday 23 May
- Monday 2 June
- Tuesday 10 June
- Tuesday 17 June
- Wednesday 25 June

Bookings for tours are essential and can be made by calling the office on 5428 7277.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 9:15 – 10:30am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9:15 – 10:30am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9:15 – 10:30am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9:15 – 10:30am

Other Information

On Tuesday 9 December we have a Trade Expo for our future Foundation parents. At the Trade Expo, parents are invited to stay for a coffee and have the opportunity to meet other parents and find out more about:

- School's Out! after school care program
- Beleza school uniform supplier
- Smile Patrol school dental program
- Hungry Goose canteen
- Parents and Friends Association
- Our school office



Romsey Primary School

Address: Station Street, Romsey 3434

Phone: (03) 5429 5099

Email: romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.romseyps.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Melanie Stewart

Foundation Information Sessions

School Tours

- Wednesday 26 March – 9:45am
 - Thursday 12 June – 9:45am
- Information sessions and Prep classroom Tours
- Friday 30 May – 9:30am
 - Monday 4 August – 9:30am

Bookings essential. Register via email or phone.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 9:15 – 10:15 am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9:15 – 10:15 am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9:15 – 10:15 am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9:15 – 11:30 am

Other Information

Romsey Primary School's vision is to be an inclusive and empowering learning community which fosters confident, creative, caring, curious and collaborative learners who "dare to be excellent".

Underpinning and informing our school vision are our school values of: **Responsibility** - make responsible choices, care for our school environment and the safety and wellbeing of others; **Respect** - be cooperative, honest and tolerant of others; **Integrity** - be honest, sincere, truthful and trustworthy.

We see parents as our partners in their child's education and encourage families to become involved; we welcome the support of our incredible community. Our school council and parents and friends meet regularly and work hard to support the staff and students at Romsey Primary School. We are extremely proud of our school and invite you to explore our website further to experience more of the wonderful things we do.



Tylden Primary School

Address: 11 Clowes Street, Tylden 3444

Phone: (03) 5424 8244

Email: tylden.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.tyldenps.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Bree Sliwczynski

Foundation Information Sessions

- Saturday 10 May Open Day 10:00 – 12:00pm
- Monday 12 May Open Day 9:30 – 2:30pm
- Tuesday 13 May Open Day 9:30 – 2:30pm

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 1:30 – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9:00 – 12:00pm

Other Information

Tylden Primary School offers excellent educational opportunities in a friendly rural school setting. Literacy programs have their foundation in the science of reading and include systematic phonics, phonemic awareness and decodable readers. The high-quality curriculum challenges and engages all students. We warmly invite you to visit our welcoming and inclusive school, to experience all that Tylden PS offers.



Willowbank Primary School

Address: 386 McGeorge Road, Gisborne 3437

Phone: (03) 5460 1122

Email: willowbank.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.willowbankps.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Rynn Anderson

Foundation Information Sessions

School Tours available weekly throughout Term 2 and Term 3 - please contact the school for further details.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 9:15 – 10:45am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9:15 – 10:45am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9:15 – 10:45am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9:15 – 10:45am

Other Information

Willowbank Primary School opened in 2022. Our school has a current enrolment of 374 students and facilities for a long-term enrolment of 500 students. The state-of-the-art school facilities include general teaching spaces and specialist facilities for music, science, food technology and physical education. The outdoor facilities include a soccer field, basketball courts, kitchen garden, play spaces and undercover areas. Willowbank Primary School's vision is to be an inclusive school community where everyone is empowered to achieve excellence. We provide a safe and inclusive learning environment that inspires and challenges all members of the community to embrace learning and achieve academic, social, emotional, and physical excellence.



Woodend Primary School

Address: 146 High Street, Woodend, 3442

Phone: (03) 5427 2455

Email: woodend.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.woodend.vic.edu.au/

Principal: Diana Ellis

Foundation Information Sessions

2026 Foundation Information Evening

- Wednesday 14 May 6:30pm – register here: <https://forms.gle/VYLYt41NkGg4zJp89>

School tours

- Tuesday 1 April, 29 April, 13 May, 27 May, 10 June, 24 June 9.30am – register here: <https://forms.gle/d1mRPtNxGMNt47GJ7>

Please contact the school to arrange a tour at other times.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 18 November 2025 9:30am
- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9:30am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9:30am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9:30am

Other Information

Established in 1855, Woodend Primary School is at the base of Mt Macedon on the northwest side of the Macedon Ranges. We are a dual campus school, with an annex at Carlsruhe seven kilometres north of Woodend. Our school philosophy and school values underpin all that we stand for at Woodend Primary School. Our philosophy is "Together as a school community, we provide a safe, positive, engaging and inclusive learning environment where pride and respect are nurtured." Our values are Be a Learner, Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful.



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Catholic Primary Schools

Enrolling your child

Catholic Primary Schools in the Macedon Ranges are governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools.

For more information about enrolling your child in a Catholic school, visit the [Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools website](https://www.melbourne.catholic.edu.au).

Support for children with diverse needs

Visit the [Diverse Learning Needs](#) page on the MACS website.



Holy Cross Primary School

Address: 158 Hamilton Road, New Gisborne, 3438

Phone: (03) 5420 8100

Email: holycross@hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

Acting Principal: Kellie McDonald

Foundation Information Sessions

- Tuesday 18 March 2025
- Wednesday 19 March 2025
- Monday 24 March 2025
- Wednesday 26 March 2025
- Saturday 29th March 2025

Tours can be booked via our website

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Friday 14 November 2025 – time TBC
- Friday 21 November 2025 – time TBC
- Friday 28 November 2025 – time TBC

Other Information

The Holy Cross rural site of twenty-two acres provides large open spaces for both play areas and future growth. Our children are at the centre of all that we do at Holy Cross and our community is committed to ensuring that each child feels safe, welcome and part of our family. Holy Cross is a warm and welcoming school community. We have a strong vision and a commitment to a partnership of family, parish and school, working together for our children's education and wellbeing. Our school has a strong emphasis on providing children with a wide variety of hands-on experiences, particularly through our Outdoor Education program.



Our Lady of the Rosary Kyneton

Address: 47 Edgecombe Street, Kyneton 3444

Phone: (03) 5422 2056

Email: info@olrkyneton.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.olrkyneton.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Anne Ferrie

Foundation Information Sessions

- Monday 28 April 2025 12.00 – 1.00pm
- Tuesday 6 May 2025 12.00 – 1.00pm

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

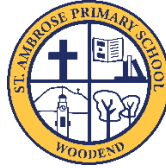
- Monday 17 November 2025 11:30 – 12:30pm
- Monday 24 November 2025 11:30 – 1:00pm
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 11:30 – 1:00pm

Other Information

'Together igniting hearts and minds.'

OLR is a learning community committed to providing an excellent educational environment centred on our Catholic faith for the children of Kyneton and surrounding districts.

Our vision for Our Lady of the Rosary is one of joy, hope and love, located on 10 acres in the heart of the Kyneton Education Precinct. We provide a wide variety of opportunities for all of our students to develop academically, physically, spiritually and emotionally. By nurturing the wellbeing of every member of our community, we ignite hearts and minds to positively influence our world.



St Ambrose Primary School

Address: 18 Templeton Street, Woodend 3442

Phone: (03) 5427 1285

Email: info@sawoodend.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Bronwyn Phillips

Foundation Information Sessions

Open Days:

- Monday 19 May 2025 9.30 – 11:00am
- Monday 11 August 2025 11.30 – 1:00pm

New Family Information Evening

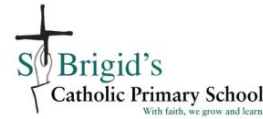
- Tuesday 22 July 2025 – 5:30pm

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Wednesday 12 November 2025 9:00-10:00am
- Wednesday 19 November 2025 9:00-10:00am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9:00-11:00am

Other Information

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St Brigid's Primary School

Address: 68 Aitken Street, Gisborne 3437

Phone: (03) 5428 2220

Email: office@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Melanie Daly

Foundation Information Sessions

School Tours:

- Monday 17 March – 9:15am
- Thursday 20 March – 9:15am
- Monday 24 March – 8:00am
- Monday 24 March – 6:00pm
- Saturday 29 March – 9:00am

Private tours available on request

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

Please contact the school for further information.

Other Information

Our small school with a big heart places a strong emphasis on building positive relationships based on Catholic values.

At St Brigid's learning is tailored for each student, promoting improved outcomes from Foundation to Year 6. Our evidence-based approach enables targeted teaching across the school, catering to individual needs, fostering personalised and contemporary learning experiences. We nurture and develop change makers for the future.



St Mary's Primary School

Address: 2 Raglan Street, Lancefield 3435

Phone: (03) 5429 1359

Email: office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mrs Gabriella Agius

Foundation Information Sessions

Please contact the school to book a tour with the Principal.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Tuesday 25 November 2025 9:00 – 10:00am
- Tuesday 2 December 2025 9:00 – 10:00am
- Tuesday 9 December 2025 9:00 – 10:00am

Other Information

At St Mary's, we deeply value the relationships we build with our students, parents, teachers, parish, and local community. We believe that strong, supportive connections create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Through an evidence-based approach to teaching, we ensure that each student's learning needs are met, enabling targeted instruction that supports their academic, emotional, and social development. Our commitment to these principles empowers all students to flourish, reach their full potential, and grow into confident, compassionate individuals.



**Independent
Schools Victoria**

Independent Primary Schools

Enrolling your child

Independent Primary Schools in the Macedon Ranges are governed by Independent Schools Victoria.

For more information about enrolling your child in one of the Independent schools, contact the schools directly, or visit the Independent Schools Victoria [website](#).

CANDLEBARK

Candlebark School

Address: 83 Kerrie Road, Romsey 3434

Phone: (03) 5427 0384

Email: office@candlebark.vic.edu.au

Website: www.candlebark.vic.edu.au

Principal: Sarita Ryan

Foundation Information Sessions

School tours are conducted each term. Email enrolments@alicemiller.school for dates and availability.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

Candlebark operates a Bush Orientation program for students that have been offered a place in the Foundation class the next year. Sessions are a half day, once a week, during term time. These sessions encourage children to be autonomous, resilient and capable.

Other Information

Candlebark is the Prep to Year 7 campus of Alice Miller School and is situated in more than 1100 acres of pristine bush. The school believes that children flourish by experiencing life at close quarters. We regard first-hand experiences as generally superior to secondhand experiences. We try to say “yes” as much as possible – yes to new ideas, yes to experiments, yes to innovations. If the school has a motto, it is “take care, take risks”. We have more camps and excursions than any other school in Australia, with students travelling to the Northern Territory, New Zealand, and to many parts of Victoria on a regular basis. We do all this while maintaining high academic rigour and results.



Global Village Learning

Address: 57 Barringo Road, New Gisborne 3438

Phone: (03) 5428 4520

Email: hello@gvl.vic.edu.au

Website: www.gvl.vic.edu.au/

Executive Director: Peter Hutton

Foundation Open Day and Information Sessions

Please contact us to book your personalised tour.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

Exploration sessions starting in November.
Details to be confirmed.

Other Information

At Global Village Learning, inspired by Montessori principles, we are creating an environment where each learner takes the lead, engaging fully in the present. Guided by curiosity, self-direction, and a commitment to community, our learners aren't just preparing for tomorrow – they are actively shaping the world around them today. Through hands-on projects and real-world contributions, they discover the power of their voices, explore their passions, and embrace challenges as pathways to growth and positive impact.

Enrolment in specialist schools and other specialist education settings

In Victoria, all students with disability have a legislated right to enrol at their designated neighbourhood school and may be enrolled at another neighbourhood school subject to sufficient accommodation. In addition to neighbourhood schools, there are a range of government specialist schools and education settings available for students with specific disability and high needs. These settings include specialist schools, specialist campuses and supported inclusion schools: <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/supported-inclusion-schools>.

Each specialist setting has specific enrolment eligibility criteria. Specialist settings must have a publicly available local enrolment policy that lists the specific eligibility criteria under which students are eligible to enrol, subject to sufficient accommodation. Supported inclusion schools also have local enrolment policies that allow them to prioritise enrolment of students with disability who live outside the school zone, provided they meet the school's specialist enrolment criteria.

For more information visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/enrolment/guidance/enrolment-specialist-schools>.

The specialist schools listed on the following page are those that fall within the designated transport area for the Macedon Ranges. For more information about getting to and from school for students with disabilities, and designated transport zones, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/getting-to-from-school-students-disability>. There may be other specialist schools in neighbouring shires more suitable for your child's needs, which can be explored through this website: <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>.



Bendigo Special Development School

Address: 26-32 Lockwood Road, Kangaroo Flat 3555

Phone: (03) 5447 3267

Email: bendigo.sds@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.bendigods.vic.edu.au

Principal: Kirshy McAinch

Foundation Information Sessions

Tuesday 13 May 2025

- Session 1 – 10:00am
- Session 2 – 6:00pm

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Thursday 13th November 9.30 -11.30am
- Thursday 20th November 9.30 -11.30am
- Thursday 27th November 9.30 -11.30am
- Thursday 4th December 9.30 -11.30am
- Thursday 11th December 9.30 -11.30am

Individual tours and orientation can be arranged at any time.

Other Information

The orientation program comprises a range of indoor and outdoor activities allowing children the opportunity to experience the school environment and familiarise themselves with Junior School staff and classroom and play spaces. With a play-based focus, children are encouraged to explore their interests and express their understanding of what happens at school.

Bendigo SDS uses PODD, key sign, visual images and verbal language to support communication and has a strong focus on SWPBS to support a positive transition into school and through the journey that follows.



Kalianna School Bendigo

Address: 48-68 Prouses Road, North Bendigo 3550

Phone: (03) 5442 1311

Email: kalianna.ss@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.kalianna.vic.edu.au

Principal: Peter Bush

Foundation Information Sessions

Please contact the school for further information.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

Please contact the school for further information.

Other Information

Kalianna School is delighted to welcome you and your family to our vibrant and inclusive community.

Our school values of Unite and Inspire alongside Positive, Creative and Inclusive highlight our vision of being a world leading school in research driven education, wellbeing and innovative technology practices.

Our school is dedicated to providing specialised education for students with an intellectual disability diagnosis. We strive to create a nurturing environment where every student receives the support they need to reach their full potential.



Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School

Address: 127-143 Circular Drive, Sunbury 3429

Phone: (03) 9744 4879

Email: sunbury.macedon.ranges.ss@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.smrss.vic.edu.au

Principal: Joanne Nolan

Foundation Information Sessions

We organise individual family visits for all prospective Prep students. Please contact the school for more information.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

- Thursday 30 October – time TBC
- Thursday 6 November – time TBC
- Thursday 13 November – time TBC
- Thursday 20 November – to be confirmed

Other Information

Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School provides an educational program to support students with an intellectual disability as their primary diagnosis. Students may have an additional disability including an autism spectrum disorder, physical impairment, hearing or vision impairment, significant medical issues or have a diagnosis of severe behaviour disorder.

Families are encouraged to contact the principal for further details on eligibility criteria and enrolment and funding criteria.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provides care for children outside normal school hours.

Outside normal school hours includes:

- before or after school
- on a day a child would usually attend school, but the school is closed, e.g. pupil free day or school holidays.

You may be eligible for government subsidies to reduce out of pocket expenses associated with OSHC fees. Your OSHC provider should be able to help you with this process, or visit <https://www.education.gov.au/early-childhood/providers/child-care-subsidy>



Big Childcare

Location: Willowbank Primary
Phone: 1300 273 162
Email: willowbank@bigchildcare.com
Website: <https://bigchildcare.com/>

Session times

Before school hours care: 6:30 – 8:45am
After school hours care: 3:15 – 6:30pm
Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm
Vacation care: 7:00am – 6:00pm

How to enrol

Visit the website for information on how to enrol:
<https://bigchildcare.com/enrol/>

Other information

Big Childcare are a high quality, community-oriented childcare provider, supporting schools in the provision of Outside of School Hours Care. We offer Before School Care, After School Care, Curriculum Day Care and Holiday Care onsite at the schools we partner with.

Having served families for over a decade, our team are renowned for their professionalism, experience, nurturing ways and commitment to providing a supportive and transparent environment for families, where children are always safe and have loads of fun. Part of our success with families comes from using their input and feedback to provide a service that meets their needs.

Our programs are designed to be engaging, varied and physically active, where children's learning can be scaffolded, so they reach their full potential. Through offering age-appropriate experiences, we know children will develop a range of lifelong skills, including building on their social and emotional capabilities.



Bug-A-Lugs Outside School Hours Care

Address: 3 Hoyle Court, Kyneton 3444
Phone: (03) 5422 2767
Email: info@bug-a-lugs.com.au
Website: www.bug-a-lugs.com.au

Schools serviced

- Kyneton Primary School
- Our Lady of the Rosary Kyneton

Session times

Before school hours care: 6:30 – 8:45am
After school hours care: 3:30 – 6:30pm
Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm
Vacation care: 6:30am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Visit our website and click on "Register for Care." Follow the prompts to provide your child's details and choose whether you need casual or permanent care.

Other information

Bug-A-Lugs OSHC is a safe, fun and engaging place where children can learn, play and thrive, and is rated Exceeding by the Department of Education. We provide high-quality care before and after school, as well as exciting holiday programs. Our passionate educators create a warm and welcoming environment where children can build friendships, develop new skills and enjoy hands-on activities. With flexible booking options and a strong focus on well-being, families can trust Bug-A-Lugs to support their child every step of the way.



Bug-A-Lugs Outside School Hours Care

Location: Woodend Primary School

Phone: (03) 5422 2767

Email: info@bug-a-lugs.com.au

Website: www.bug-a-lugs.com.au

Schools serviced

- Woodend Primary School
- St Ambrose Primary School

Session times

Before school hours care: 6:30 – 8:45am

After school hours care: 3:30 – 6:30pm

Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm (from Kyneton)

Vacation care: 6:30am – 6:30pm (from Kyneton)

How to enrol

Visit our website and click on "Register for Care." Follow the prompts to provide your child's details and choose whether you need casual or permanent care.

Other information

Bug-A-Lugs OSHC is a safe, fun and engaging place where children can learn, play and thrive, and is rated Exceeding by the Department of Education. We provide high-quality care before and after school, as well as exciting holiday programs from our Kyneton centre. Our passionate educators create a warm and welcoming environment where children can build friendships, develop new skills and enjoy hands-on activities. With flexible booking options and a strong focus on well-being, families can trust Bug-A-Lugs to support their child every step of the way.



Camp Australia Your OSHC

Location: Gisborne Primary School

Phone: 1300 105 343

Email: info@campaustralia.com.au

Website:

<https://campaustralia.com.au/school/?accessCode=8347>

Schools serviced

- Gisborne Primary School
- St Brigid's Primary School

Session times

Before school care hours: 6:30 – 8:45am

After school care hours: 3:25 – 6:30pm

Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm

Vacation care: 6:30am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Create an account and register to enrol via the parent portal on our website, or for more information about enrolling visit: <https://campaustralia.com.au/how-to-enrol/>

Other information

The program at Gisborne Primary School Your OSHC is unique and tailored to the educational ethos and values of the school community and the individual needs of the children in the service. In every before and after school session, the coordinator designs a featured activity to engage the children.



Camp Australia Your OSHC

Location: New Gisborne Primary School

Phone: 1300 105 343

Email: info@campaustralia.com.au

Website:

<https://campaustralia.com.au/school/?accessCode=0FBF>

Session times

Before school care hours: 6:30 – 8:50am

After school care hours: 3:20 – 6:30pm

Short stay after care session: 3:20 – 4:30pm

Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm

Vacation care: 6:30am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Create an account and register to enrol via the parent portal on our website, or for more information about enrolling visit: <https://campaustralia.com.au/how-to-enrol/>

Other information

The program at New Gisborne Primary School Your OSHC is unique and tailored to the educational ethos and values of the school community and the individual needs of the children in the service. In every before and after school session, the coordinator designs a featured activity to engage the children.



Kidzone OSHC Romsey

Address: 7 Mitchell Court, Romsey 3434

Phone: 0481 212 047

Email: office@kidzoneromsey.com.au

Website: <https://kidzoneromsey.com.au/>

Schools serviced

- Romsey Primary School
- Bolinda Primary School
- St Mary's Primary School
- Candlebark

Session times

Before school care hours: 6:30 – 9:00am

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:30pm

Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm

Vacation care: 6:30am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Enrol via the website:

<https://kidzoneromsey.com.au/programs-enrolment/enrolment-information>

Other information

Kidzone OSHC is a not-for-profit service that is operated by and affiliated with Encourage Church Inc in Romsey.

We program a variety of activities based on the children's interests and what is going on around us, e.g. World Environment Day. We also have use of the Romsey Primary School grounds for outside play.

Kidzone offers a free bus service to transport children to and from St Mary's Primary, Bolinda Primary, and the Candlebark School bus stop in Romsey.



Macedon Primary School OSHC service

Address: Macedon Primary School

Phone: (03) 5426 1518

Email: oshp@macedonps.vic.edu.au

Website: <https://macedonps.vic.edu.au/parents/>

Session times

Before school care hours: 7:00 – 8:45am

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Complete an [OSHC enrolment form](#) for all new students and contact the service by phone or email to make a casual or permanent booking.

Other information

The Service operates to provide a high-quality primary school-aged care in a safe, enjoyable and caring environment. It is provided at minimal cost and enables parents to pursue options leading to employment, training, recreation and the pursuit of personal interests.

The Service includes a wide variety of activities that are prepared and implemented in a friendly environment, which accounts for children's social, emotional, intellectual, language, physical and creative needs. In this way the Service endeavours to complement the school's activities and be consistent with the school's policies and practices.



Malmsbury Primary School OSHC service

Address: Malmsbury Primary School

Phone: (03) 5423 2284

Email: malmsbury.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.malmsburyps.vic.edu.au

Session times

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:00pm

Pupil free days: may run with enough interest

How to enrol

Enrolment forms are available at the school office and must be completed and submitted before a child is considered enrolled.

Other information

Malmsbury Primary OSHC Service is committed to nurturing and extending each child's social, physical, emotional and intellectual development in a child-friendly, supportive and fun environment. Malmsbury OSHC aims to provide a planned, flexible and balanced program that responds to children's interests, needs and stages of development. Games and activities are altered where appropriate to ensure all children are able to participate fully. Planning is undertaken for both individuals and the whole group.

The program allows the children to have ample opportunity to do things on their own, to accept appropriate responsibility and to use their free time creatively. Children are encouraged to respect individual differences and respond by providing play experiences which recognise the importance of peer group relationships. Children are offered both active and quiet experiences and areas within the indoor and outdoor program.



Schools Out! Darraweit Guim

Address: Darraweit Guim Primary School

Phone: 1300 329 106

Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au

Website: www.schoolsout.net.au

Session times

Before school care hours: 7:00 – 8:45am

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:00pm

How to enrol

Complete a registration for SchoolsOUT! Darraweit Guim via Kidsoft – this can all be found under the “How to Book” tab of our website, or via the “Enrol Here” button on the homepage of our website.

Other information

Children will partake in a range of activities during care included STEM, Art, Cooking and Mindfulness.

We run a SportsIN program every term, where our SportsIN staff visit each site every week and run sport workshops and games for the children to increase their sports skills and HAVE FUN.

Breakfast and afternoon tea always provided during service.



Schools Out! Hesket Primary

Address: Hesket Primary School

Phone: 1300 329 106

Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au

Website: www.schoolsout.net.au

Session times

Before school care hours: 7:00 – 8:45am

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:00pm

How to enrol

Complete a registration for SchoolsOUT! Hesket Primary via Kidsoft – this can all be found under the “How to Book” tab of our website, or via the “Enrol Here” button on the homepage of our website.

Other information

Children will partake in a range of activities during care included STEM, Art, Cooking and Mindfulness.

We run a SportsIN program every term, where our SportsIN staff visit each site every week and run sport workshops and games for the children to increase their sports skills and HAVE FUN.

Breakfast and afternoon tea always provided during service.



Schools Out! Holy Cross Primary

Address: Holy Cross Primary School

Phone: 1300 329 106

Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au

Website: www.schoolsout.net.au

Schools serviced

- Holy Cross Primary School
- Global Village Learning – children are safely walked to and from school by SchoolsOUT! educators for before and after school care.

Session times

Before school care hours: 6:30 – 8:45am

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:30pm

Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Complete a registration for SchoolsOUT! Holy Cross Primary via Kidsoft – this can all be found under the “How to Book” tab of our website, or via the “Enrol Here” button on the homepage of our website.

Other information

Children will partake in a range of activities during care included STEM, Art, Cooking and Mindfulness. We run a SportsIN program every term, where our SportsIN staff visit each site every week and run sport workshops and games for the children to increase their sports skills and HAVE FUN.

Breakfast and afternoon tea always provided during service.



Schools Out! Lancefield Primary

Address: Lancefield Primary School

Phone: 1300 329 106

Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au

Website: www.schoolsout.net.au

Schools serviced

- Lancefield Primary School
- St Mary's Primary – children are safely walked to and from school by SchoolsOUT! educators for before and after school care.

Session times

Before school care hours: 6:30 – 8:45am

After school care hours: 3:15 – 6:30pm

Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm

Vacation care: 6:30am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Complete a registration for SchoolsOUT! Lancefield Primary via Kidsoft – this can all be found under the “How to Book” tab of our website, or via the “Enrol Here” button on the homepage of our website.

Other information

Children will partake in a range of activities during care included STEM, Art, Cooking and Mindfulness. We run a SportsIN program every term, where our SportsIN staff visit each site every week and run sport workshops and games for the children to increase their sports skills and HAVE FUN.

Breakfast and afternoon tea always provided during service.



Schools Out! Mt. Macedon

Address: Mount Macedon Primary School

Phone: 1300 329 106

Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au

Website: www.schoolsout.net.au

Session times

Before school care hours: 7:00 – 9:00am

After school care hours: 3:00 – 6:30pm

Pupil free days: 7:00am – 6:30pm

Vacation care: 7:00am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Complete a registration for SchoolsOUT! Mt. Macedon via Kidsoft – this can all be found under the “How to Book” tab of our website, or via the “Enrol Here” button on the homepage of our website.

Other information

Children will partake in a range of activities during care included STEM, Art, Cooking and Mindfulness.

We run a SportsIN program every term, where our SportsIN staff visit each site every week and run sport workshops and games for the children to increase their sports skills and HAVE FUN.

Breakfast and afternoon tea always provided during service.



Schools Out! Newham Primary

Address: Newham Primary School

Phone: 1300 329 106

Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au

Website: www.schoolsout.net.au

Session times

Before school care hours: 7:00 – 8:45am

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:00pm

How to enrol

Complete a registration for SchoolsOUT! Newham Primary via Kidsoft – this can all be found under the “How to Book” tab of our website, or via the “Enrol Here” button on the homepage of our website.

Other information

Children will partake in a range of activities during care included STEM, Art, Cooking and Mindfulness.

We run a SportsIN program every term, where our SportsIN staff visit each site every week and run sport workshops and games for the children to increase their sports skills and HAVE FUN.

Breakfast and afternoon tea always provided during service.



Schools Out! Riddells Creek

Address: Riddells Creek Primary School

Phone: 1300 329 106

Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au

Website: www.schoolsout.net.au

Session times

Before school care hours: 6:30 – 9:00am

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:30pm

Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm

Vacation care: 6:30am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Complete a registration for SchoolsOUT! Riddells Creek via Kidsoft – this can all be found under the “How to Book” tab of our website, or via the “Enrol Here” button on the homepage of our website.

Other information

Children will partake in a range of activities during care included STEM, Art, Cooking and Mindfulness.

We run a SportsIN program every term, where our SportsIN staff visit each site every week and run sport workshops and games for the children to increase their sports skills and HAVE FUN.

Breakfast and afternoon tea always provided during service.



Schools Out! Tylden Primary

Address: Tylden Primary School

Phone: 1300 329 106

Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au

Website: www.schoolsout.net.au

Session times

Before school care hours: 6:30 – 8:40am

After school care hours: 3:30 – 6:30pm

Pupil free days: 6:30am – 6:30pm

Vacation care: 6:30am – 6:30pm

How to enrol

Complete a registration for SchoolsOUT! Tylden Primary via Kidsoft – this can all be found under the “How to Book” tab of our website, or via the “Enrol Here” button on the homepage of our website.

Other information

Children will partake in a range of activities during care included STEM, Art, Cooking and Mindfulness.

We run a SportsIN program every term, where our SportsIN staff visit each site every week and run sport workshops and games for the children to increase their sports skills and HAVE FUN.

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