

FACTSHEET

NORTH MELBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL – MOLESWORTH CAMPUS AND KINDERGARTEN

25 Molesworth Street, North Melbourne

December 2022

We are building a new vertical campus for North Melbourne Primary School.

The new campus will also feature a new kindergarten.

This will help the growing local population access great education close to home.

MOLESWORTH STREET CAMPUS

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is delivering a new school campus for North Melbourne Primary School. The new vertical campus will offer a five-storey facility to local students, helping a growing community get great education close to home.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will the new campus open?

The project was anticipated to be complete for day 1, Term 1 of 2023, however the new campus is experiencing construction delays.

The VSBA has worked closely with the school to put in place interim arrangements for students.

All enrolled Prep to Year 2 students will start their 2023 year at the Errol Street Campus and move across to the Molesworth Street Campus once the building is operational, for the start of Term 2, 2023.

Those enrolled at the new Molesworth Street Kindergarten on the 5th floor will start their 2023 year at the Errol Street Campus and move across to the Molesworth Street Campus once the building is operational, for the start of Term 2, 2023.

What facilities will this new campus have?

The new campus will feature multiple learning spaces, breakout areas, staff and meeting spaces within the four levels.

Other facilities include:

- Food technology
- Music/Art room
- Performance and gathering space
- Community Hub
- Specialist teaching spaces
- Administration and library
- Outdoor and indoor play spaces

The fifth level will hold a new kindergarten.

Who can attend the new campus?

The Molesworth Street Campus will operate as a Prep to Year 2 junior campus. The Errol Street Campus will operate as a Year 3 to Year 6 senior campus.

Where will the interim kindergarten be located?

Those enrolled at Molesworth Street Kindergarten will start their 2023 year at the Errol Street Campus and move across to the Molesworth Street Campus once the building is operational, for the start of Term 2, 2023.

The kindergarten will operate from an interim site at the existing Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) space at the North Melbourne Primary School's Errol Street campus during Term 1, 2023 while works are completed at the permanent location, subject to regulatory approval.

The department is arranging for the OSHC space to be adapted and fit out to ensure it is appropriate for kindergarten use, and for dedicated outdoor play areas for kindergarten children during Term 1. The department will also reinstate the spaces for ongoing use for the school once the permanent kindergarten facility opens.

Will OSHC services continue to run?

Yes, Biz-E-Kidz will continue to operate North Melbourne Primary School's OSHC program as normal during Term 1, from a different location in the school, subject to regulatory approval.

Why was the project delayed?

The project has been delayed due to issues affecting the progression of works onsite.

What is the status of the project?

The building is currently being fitted out internally, with external services and landscaping works also progressing.

Does the campus have a zone?

The 2023 school zones are available online at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au

How do I enrol?

To enrol at the school, please confirm that North Melbourne Primary School is the designated neighbourhood school for your child. You can do this at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au.

Students residing in this zone are guaranteed a place at the school, which is determined on the basis of a permanent residential address. If the school is in your zone, please refer to the schools website for an enrolment form here <https://www.northmelbourneps.vic.edu.au/index.php/how-to-enrol-your-child/>

If the school is not in your designated zone, you can learn more about your options through the departments website here <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-zones#going-to-a-school-outside-your-zone>

CONTACT

Will there be an information session?

The VSBA will deliver an information session in Term 1, 2023. The event will be promoted through the VSBA website and school channels including Facebook. You can subscribe to VSBA project updates at <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/north-melbourne-primary-school>.

Where can I find more information?

For more information surrounding the project visit <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/north-melbourne-primary-school>, call the VSBA on **1800 896 950** or email vsba@education.vic.gov.au.

For interpretation services, please ring the VSBA language line on **03 9280 0712**.

MOLESWORTH STREET KINDERGARTEN

Molesworth Street Kindergarten will operate on level five of the new North Melbourne Primary School Molesworth Street Campus once the building is operational, for the start of Term 2, 2023.

For Term 1, 2023 Molesworth Street Kindergarten will operate from North Melbourne Primary School's Errol Street Campus, subject to regulatory approval.

The kindergarten space is being adapted to suit the needs of the kindergarten children. Access to an outdoor play area that is separate to the primary school playground will be available.

The kinder will be operated by Northern Schools Early Years Cluster (<https://nseyc.org.au>) and offer three- and four-year-old kindergarten programs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will Molesworth Street Kindergarten offer programs for 3- and 4-year-olds?

Yes, the kindergarten will run 3-year-old sessional and 4-year-old sessional kindergarten programs. All programs are for 15 hours per week.

When does the kindergarten term begin? Is it the same as the primary school term?

Term 1 2023 at Molesworth Street Kindergarten will begin on Wednesday 1 February 2023.

Where will the interim kindergarten be located?

The kindergarten will operate from an interim site at the existing Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) space at the North Melbourne Primary School's Errol Street campus during Term 1, 2023 while works are completed at the permanent location, subject to regulatory approval.

The department is arranging for the OSHC space to be adapted and fit out to ensure it is appropriate for kindergarten use, and for dedicated outdoor play areas for kindergarten children during Term 1. The department will also reinstate the spaces for ongoing use for the school once the permanent kindergarten facility opens.

What days will my child be required to attend?

The kindergarten will run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Further information on schedules can be accessed by contacting the provider, Northern Schools Early Years Cluster. Email office@nseyc.org.au or phone 9306 1662.

What do we need to bring to kindergarten?

Children in 3 and 4 Year old kindergarten will need to bring

- Spare clothing
- Kindergarten bag
- Sun hat – wide brimmed
- Drink bottle
- Own meals

For further details of what to bring visit <https://nseyc.org.au/contact/>

What are the benefits of attending a kindergarten located on a school site?

Building kindergartens at or next to schools provides many benefits for families, including:

- Making kindergarten programs easier to access
- Making drop-off time simpler and more convenient for families who have children at kindergarten and school
- Making the transition from kindergarten to school smoother for children.
- Effective partnerships between kindergarten and school are essential to address barriers for families and supports enrolment, participation such as regular attendance and engagement in early learning.

What facilities will the new kindergarten offer?

The kindergarten will offer two teaching and learning classrooms, outdoor learning areas and play spaces, as well as a kitchen and laundry.

Why is the kindergarten operating from a different location for Term 1?

The kindergarten will operate from an interim site at North Melbourne Primary School's Errol Street campus during Term 1, 2023 (subject to regulatory approval) while works are completed at the permanent location. When the kindergarten relocates to its permanent site, the OSHC space will be reinstated.

How do I enrol my child?

For enrolment enquiries email office@nseyc.org.au or phone 9306 1662. Kindergarten application forms can also be collected from North Melbourne Primary School – Errol Street Campus office.

Can I access free kindergarten?

Yes, Molesworth Street Kindergarten's 3 and 4 year old programs will be free for families.

To learn more about free kindergarten for children in Victoria visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/kinder>

Will long day care be available?

Long day care will not be available. Kindergarten session times will be Tuesday and Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

CONTACT

All information surrounding the kindergarten, including designs can be found at <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/solesworth-street-kindergarten>.

For more information surrounding the kindergarten please visit <https://nseyc.org.au/contact/> or call 9306 1662.