



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Prep 2026 Information Evening

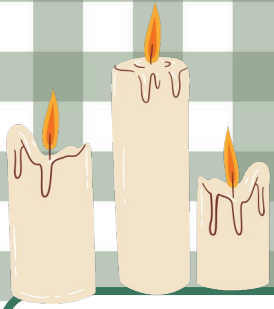


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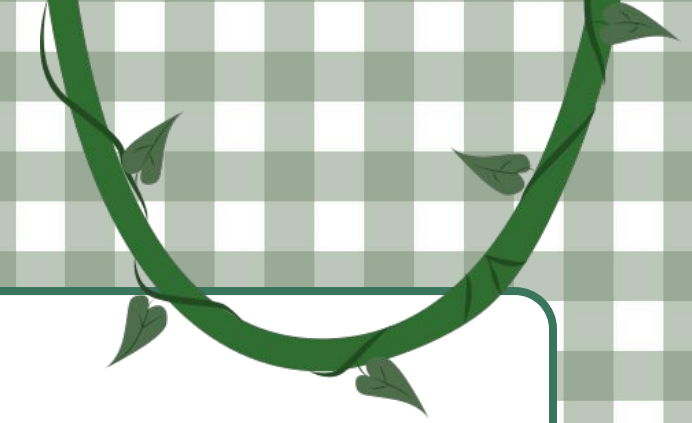
We at St Patrick's School Mentone acknowledge the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging, and recognise their continuing connection to this land, its waters, and our shared community.





PRAYER



Gracious God,

Thank you for the wonderful children You have entrusted to our care, and for gathering their families here tonight.

We ask for Your blessing upon each child as they take their first exciting steps into school. Fill them with curiosity, courage, and a love for learning. Help them to build new friendships and to feel safe and cherished in our community.

We also pray for their parents, who watch them embark on this new journey. Whether this is their first, second, or only child starting school, grant them peace and joy as they share in this milestone.

We are so looking forward to partnering with these families, getting to know each child's unique gifts, and celebrating all the 'firsts' they will encounter this year.

Guide our school community in warmth, partnership, and faith.

We ask this in Your name, Amen.



INTRODUCTIONS



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INTRODUCTIONS

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WELCOME

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Helen Collins

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SCHOOL VISION



With Christ in the heart of all, the St Patrick's Catholic community aspires to create an engaging and challenging environment to enable students to become active and informed citizens in an ever changing world.

THE PREP LEARNING JOURNEY

Core Learning

English

- Initialit phonics programme is a systematic literacy program that explicitly teaches phonics, vocabulary, oral language, and comprehension.

Mathematics

- The Ochre Maths resource is designed around explicit instruction, encouraging students to learn concepts in a group and apply them independently.

Core Learning

Inquiry

- Term 1 - Relationships and Identity
(if you could bring a family photo during the interview days that would be great!)
- Term 2 - Environment and Earth's Resources
- Term 3 - Personal Histories
- Term 4 - Design and Materials

Religion

Wellbeing

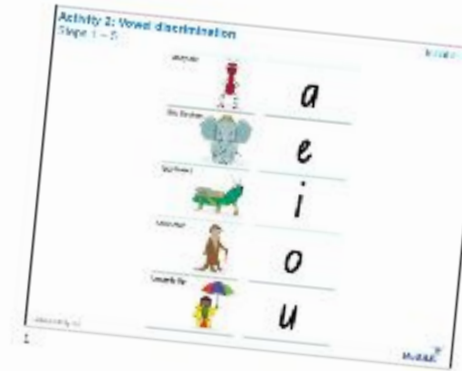


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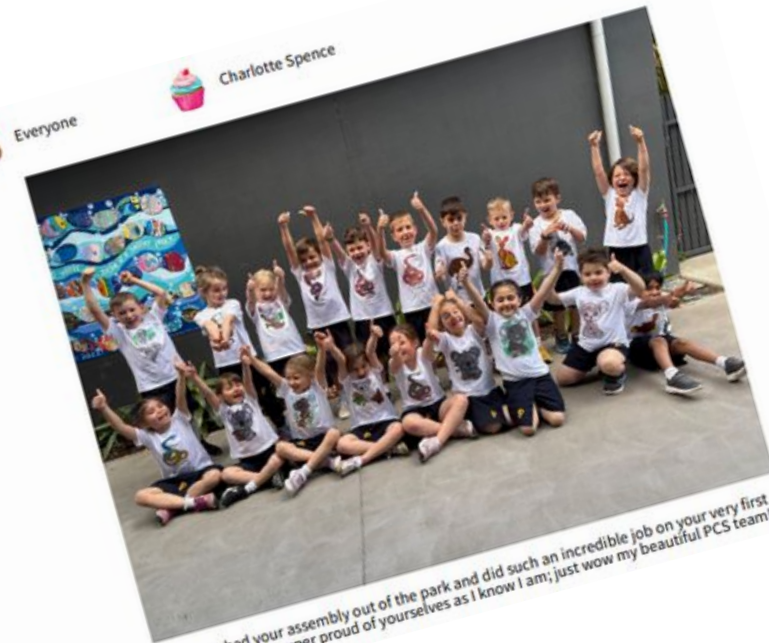
The students have access to iPads and are allocated a number. They will use them in Digitech as well as for classwork. Please check Seesaw regularly and feel free to like and comment.

Seesaw will assist you in:

- receiving updates of your child's learning and time at school
- provide an online journal of some of the tasks completed in class
- photos and videos of various activities throughout the year

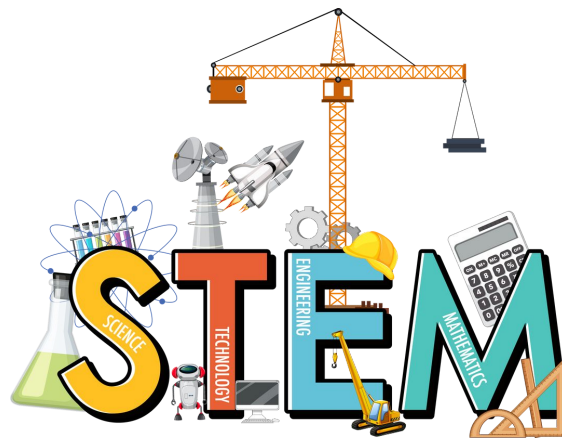
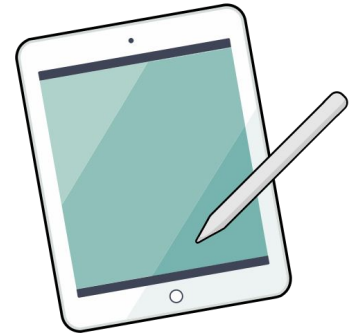


This week in inquiry we've been learning about habitats; yesterday the children drew habitats using pastels and today they used their learning to "build" the same habitat-great problem solving and teamwork skills!



Prep CS you smashed your assembly out of the park and did such an incredible job on your very first assembly! You should be super proud of yourselves as I know I am; just wow my beautiful PCS team!

SPECIALISTS



PE - Colin Edwards

Visual Arts - Jen Brown

Performing Arts - Susan Williams

Italian - Marianne Bassily

STEM - James Daidone

eLearning - Brodie Ross

BUDDY PROGRAM





- Prep students will be partnered with a Year 5 2026 student next year.
- They will find out their buddy a few weeks into the year.

TAKE HOME BOOKS

Term 1

Students will be given picture story books. We encourage you to read these books to your child to model good reading behaviours. There are comprehension questions inside for you to ask them. However, if your child is reading we will send home readers.



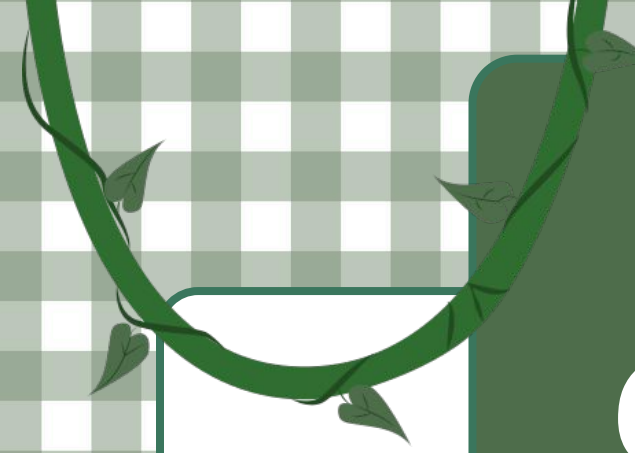
Term 2

Students will be given their 'take home books'.


Please refer to the information booklet for further information.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL



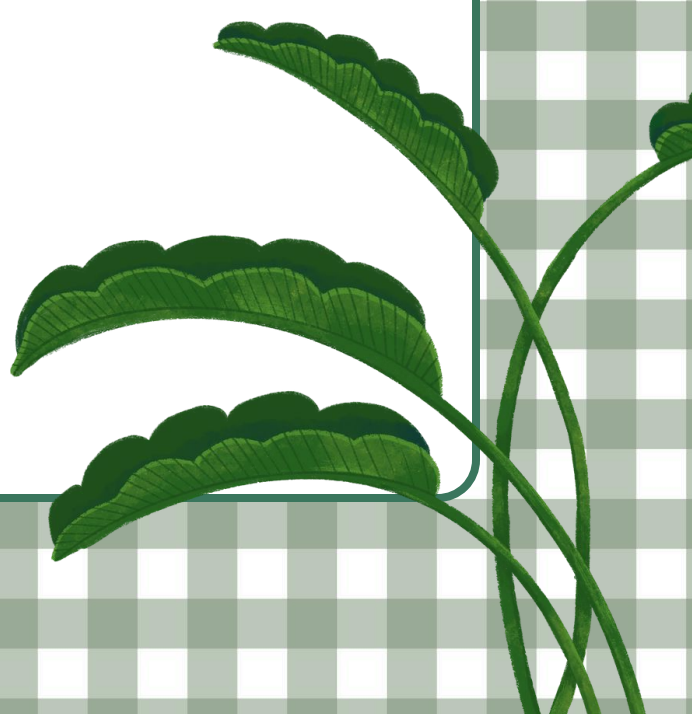


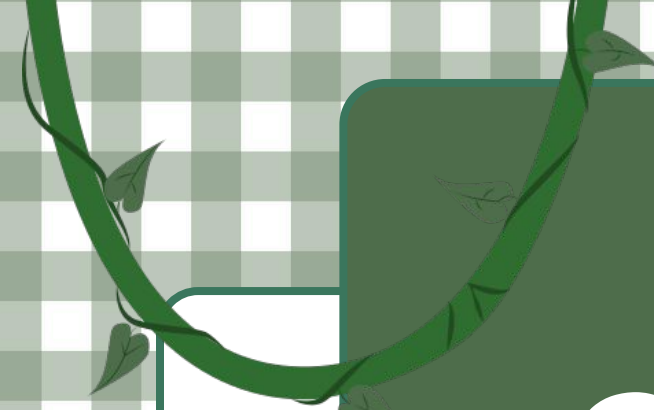
HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MORNING DROP-OFF

- A great day at school start at home
 - Be on time
 - Assist your child with locating their bag locker
 - Establish a clear drop off routine with them
 - A quick “goodbye” is best. If your child becomes upset, please do not prolong the farewell. They will be well looked after, and we will call you if there are any problems.
 - Be positive about school
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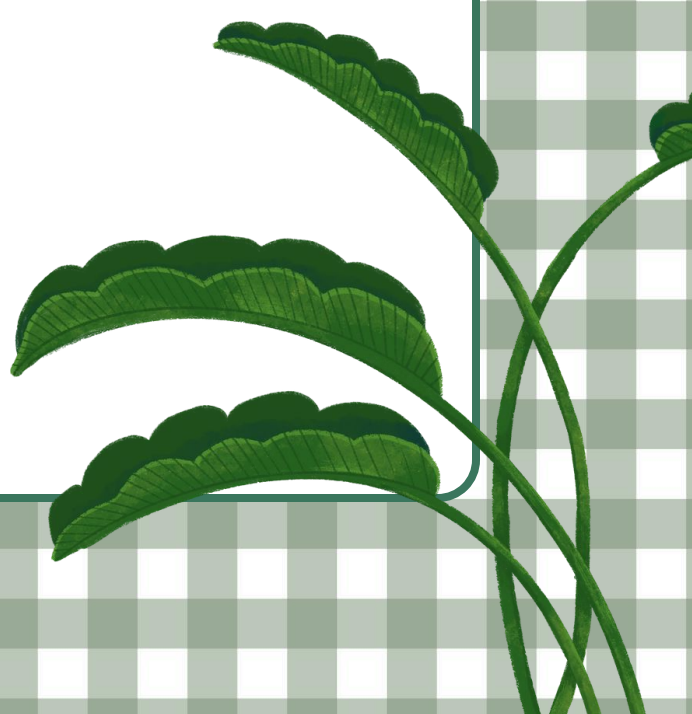
HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH RESPONSIBILITY

- Encourage your child to carry their own bag by using lines such as “I’ve been to school already, now it’s your turn.”
 - Please name your child’s belongings – it makes it a lot easier to return clothing/items if they are clearly named.
 - Students should be able to dress themselves independently:
 1. Putting on/taking off school shoes and socks.
 2. Putting on jumpers, art smocks and rain coats.
 3. Turning jumpers around the right way.
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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH A SCHOOL ROUTINE

What to pack for school

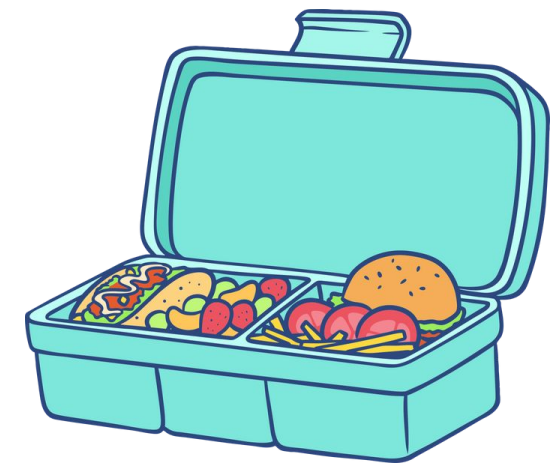
- Snack/morning tea and lunch - lunch box and any/all containers labelled
 - Drink bottle – labelled
 - Green reading bag for home reading books, notes, loose leaf work and library books
 - Personal sunscreen labelled (optional) - to be kept in bag and able to apply themselves
 - School hat – Terms 1 and 4.
 - Labelled change of clothes (underwear and socks)
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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH A SCHOOL ROUTINE

Eating Times

Talk to your child/children about: what will be packed, how to open/close containers and knowing what to eat and when.

- Ensure child can unwrap or open all containers
- Drink bottles and bubblers
- We encourage 'nude food'
- Encourage no nuts as there are students with allergies

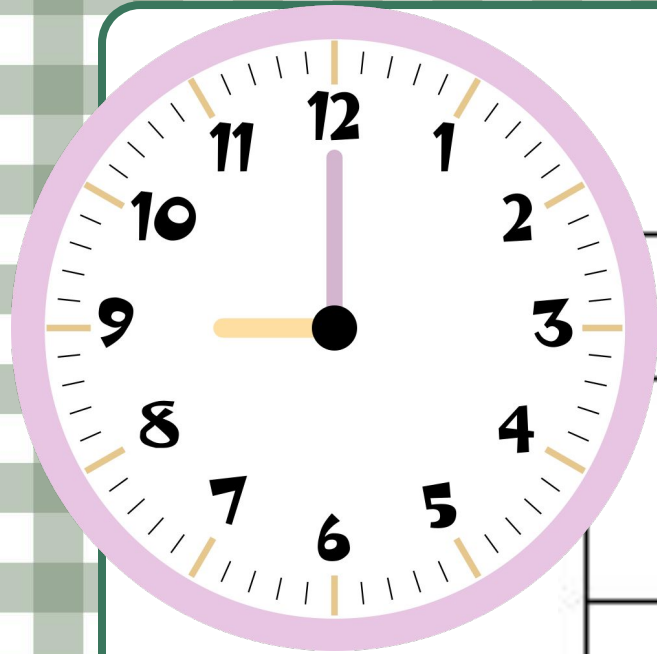


HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH A SCHOOL ROUTINE

Bathroom breaks

- Discuss how your child will use the toilets at school.
- For boys: familiarise them with urinals
- Students will be given regular times to go throughout the school day
- Know how to ask the teacher politely
- Prepare for accidents - change of underwear, socks etc!

STRUCTURE OF A DAY



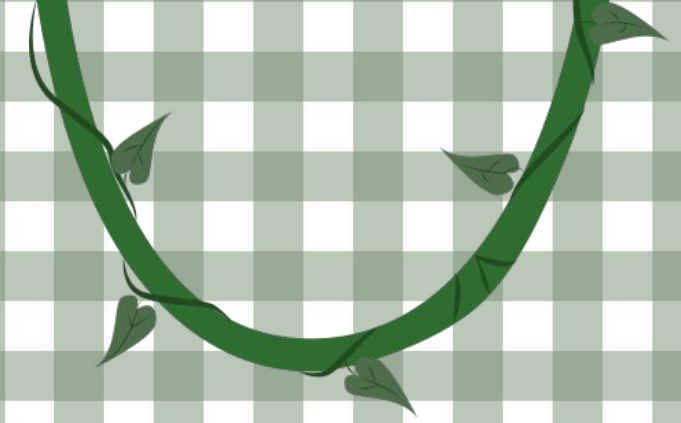
8:30am	School gates open
8:45am	School begins (learning time commences)
9:30 - 10:00am (approx)	Fruit Break
11:00 - 11:05am	Students eat snack
11:05 - 11:45am	Morning playtime
11:45 - 1:15pm	Learning time
1:15 - 1:25pm	Students eat lunch
1:25 - 2:05pm	Lunch playtime
1:45- 3:15pm	Learning time

FIRST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL

- Students will be tired.
- Students need to be at school each day
- Please do not send a sick child to school
- Speak to your child's teachers about any concerns
- Regularly check communication from school



PREP 2026 ORIENTATION



PREP ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Tuesday 18th November: 9:00 - 10:30am

Tuesday 25th November: 9:00 - 10:30am

Children will meet in the hall before
heading over to the Prep classrooms.



PREP ORIENTATION SESSIONS - WHAT TO EXPECT

- Students will participate in two orientation days.
- Teachers will be looking at who works well with each other.
- Student groupings will change each orientation session.
- We take into consideration the students kinder notes and observations during orientations when selecting groupings.
- You will find out the prep classes and their teacher in December.

UNIFORM

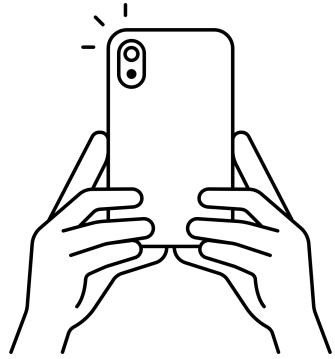
- Students houses will be the colour of your folder. Please make sure you buy your sports top with the correct colour stripe.
- Examples of the uniform are down the back.
- PSW provide our uniform and their details are in the handbook.
- You can go to the PSW website and make a booking for a fitting of the uniform or click and collect.
- Second hand uniforms will be available for purchase on the first orientation morning - \$5 per item, cash only!

Girls' Summer Uniform	Girls' Winter Uniform	Girls' Sport Uniform
Girls' Summer Dress 	Girls' Winter Tunic/skirt (wool blend) 	School Rugby Jumper 
Wool Blend School Jumper 	Girls' Winter Trousers 	School Track Pants 
Girls white ankle socks 	Blouse (Peter Pan collar) Long Sleeve White 	Navy Polo Shirt with vertical Stripe (house colour) 
School hat with logo 	School Tie 	Sport skirt or sport shorts 
Black school shoes 	Tights (Navy) or socks 	
	Scarf (Navy) and Beanie (can be worn all year round) 	
	Wool Blend School Jumper 	
	Blue School Jacket (with logo) (can be worn all year round) 	

Boys' Summer Uniform	Boys' Winter Uniform	Boys' Sport Uniform
Boys' short sleeve shirt with logo 	Long Sleeve White Shirt 	School Rugby Jumper 
Unisex Navy Gabardine Short 	Navy Winter Pants 	School Track Pants 
Wool Blend School Jumper 	School Tie 	Blue Polo Shirt with vertical Stripe (house colour) 
School Socks 	School Socks 	Sport Shorts 
School hat with logo 	Scarf (Navy) and Beanie (can be worn all year round) 	White Socks 
Black school shoes 	Wool Blend School Jumper 	Runners (can be any colour) 
	Blue School Jacket (with logo) (can be worn all year round) 	

(Check your handbook for the uniform guide)

HELPFUL HINTS



- First day photos or videos are best taken at home
- Let your child talk about the day in their own time and in their own way
- Get to know some of the other parents
- If you have any concerns about anything, talk to us
- Food policy and birthdays

ENJOY BEING A PREP PARENT!!



ADMINISTRATION



DATES FOR 2026

Week 1

- Wed 28th, Thurs 29th, Fri 30th and Mon 2nd Feb - Prep 1:1 Interview Days

A booking link will be sent to you via email to book on 'SOBS' for those first 4 days. Students will meet with their teacher, for a 1:1 session which includes some literacy and maths assessment. Afterwards parents will meet with the teacher to discuss information pertinent to their child.

Week 2

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - Tuesday 3rd February (1:00pm finish)

From Wednesday 4th February they attend school FULL TIME.



STATIONERY

- The 2026 Prep booklist is included in your pack. They do not need their own pencil case as the students will have named pots to place items in.
- Please ensure everything is brought to school on the interview day. These are stored safely in the classroom and handed out as necessary throughout the year.



MEDICAL



Epipen / Asthma inhalers will need to be brought to school with an Action Plan on the first day so we can store them in our First Aid room.
(Please also bring to the orientation sessions as well)

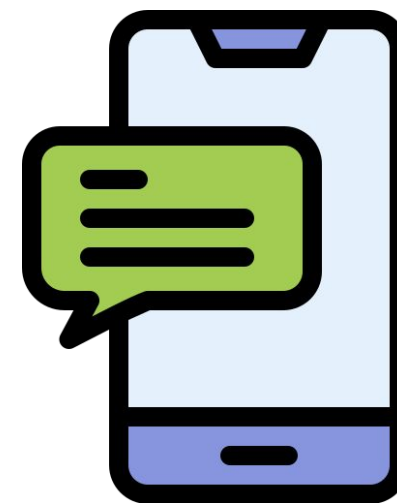


LUNCH ORDERS



- Canteen days are: Wednesday and Thursday.
- Please note that the cut-off for all orders is at 11:00 pm the night before. No orders can be made on the day of the canteen.
- Order online via the app – CDF Pay.
- Anna (Healthy Hut)- 0450 079 313

KEEPING UP TO DATE




sobs

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Before and after School
care is operated by
MACSEYE

There is a leaflet in your
coloured folder to have a
look through



Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

St Patrick's | Mentone

MACSEYE offers a safe, inclusive and engaging environment where children can relax, explore their interests and connect with friends.

We provide a variety of fun activities, cosy quiet spaces and healthy food options. Our supportive educators are dedicated to nurturing each child's wellbeing.

Available for children aged 5-12 years, Monday through Friday during school terms.

Time	Permanent	Casual
Before School 6.45am-8.45am	\$25.00	\$30.00
After School 3.15pm-6.15pm	\$31.70	\$36.70

*Fees listed are before Child Care Subsidy.

Enrol now

Scan or click the QR code to complete the online enrolment form.

Make sure you have key information and documents ready before you complete the enrolment form.

MACSEYE
macseye.vic.edu.au



OSHC Program

Before you enrol, you need some key information and documents:

- Medical and other support documents*
- Medical Management Plan (MMP)
- Action plan for health conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, Anaphylaxis, etc.
- Details of any allergies or food intolerances
- A photo of your child to accompany the enrolment form

*These documents are mandatory to ensure we can support your child safely.

Bookings and communication – Xplor Home App

Once our team confirms your enrolment, you will receive a unique link to download the Xplor Home App. Please only use this unique link to download the app as it will be automatically linked to your enrolment.

You can use the Xplor Home App to:

- Manage casual bookings
- Cancel bookings
- Update your personal information
- Check your account statements
- Read important announcements

Contact our Customer Service team for:

- Permanent bookings or cancellations within 24 hours of your session

Enrolling more than one child? If you are enrolling more than one child, please use the same email address for all enrolments.

Permanent and casual bookings: If you need care on a regular basis, you can plan ahead and book permanent bookings for up to 12 weeks in advance. If you need care on an occasional basis, you can book casual bookings for up to 2 weeks in advance.

Next Steps

Once we receive your enrolment form, our Child Care Admin team will contact you to provide you with a welcome pack and discuss any questions you have about our OSHC program.



ANY
QUESTIONS?





THANK
YOU

