

Kindergartens

Kindergarten programs encourage children to learn and develop through play, build self-esteem, creativity and confidence and build relationships with others. Kindergarten programs for three and four year olds are offered in community managed kindergartens, cluster managed services, schools and long day care.

To find a Kindergarten near you please visit yrc.vic.gov.au/findapreschool

Preschool Field Officers (PSFO)

The Preschool Field Officer program supports kindergarten teachers to ensure children with additional needs have access to learning and development opportunities and meaningful participation in state funded preschool programs.

To access this program please speak to your child's kindergarten teacher or email psfo@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Linking Families Service (Upper Yarra)

The Linking Families Service provides support and information to families about child development, health and behaviour, accessing early years services, fee subsidies and referral to family support services.

For further information email: earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Sherbrooke Family and Children's Centre

Sherbrooke Family and Children's Centre provides a range of services for the community, families and children including Upwey Preschool, Maternal and Child Health, community meeting rooms, Upwey community hall and Upwey Toy Library.

Also located within Sherbrooke Family and Children's Centre is Sherbrooke Children's Centre. This is a registered long day care and preschool service, operated by Yarra Ranges Council from 7am-6pm weekdays, 50 weeks of the year

Experienced and qualified educators offer a diverse early childhood education program focusing on building children's resilience.

For further information please call **9294 6535** or email sfcc@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

For alternative child care options please visit childcarefinder.gov.au

Supported Playgroups (Small Talk)

Qualified facilitators run free weekly Supported Playgroups in local communities for eligible families with children 0-5 years to support children's language and learning and provide parental support and social and community connections.

To access this program or for further information please email earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

For information about Community and Bush Playgroups please visit playgroup.org.au

Community Programs and Events

A range of events and programs for families with children aged under twelve are held across Yarra Ranges. These include school holidays, children's week and information sessions for families and early childhood professionals.

Find out what's on at yrc.vic.gov.au/eventsforkids

Family and Children's Services



Yarra Ranges Council Family and Children's Services

Yarra Ranges Council aim to

strengthen parenting, engagement, community connections and social interactions for families with children 0-12 years.

We provide a wide range of services, programs and referral pathways to specialist service providers to help children reach their full potential.

For further information about services and programs for families and children within Yarra Ranges please contact the Family and Children's Services team:

Phone: **1 300 368 333**

Email: earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Address: **PO Box 105, Lilydale 3140**

Facebook: **Yarra Ranges Council**

Website: yrc.vic.gov.au/familyandchildren



Immunisation

Community Immunisation sessions are held at eight venues across Yarra Ranges throughout the year.

To see session locations, times and to make an appointment online please visit yrc.vic.gov.au/immunisation



Maternal and Child Health

Maternal and Child Health services provide information and support, including developmental assessments and health education to new parents and families with children aged 0-6 years.

To find your nearest MCH centre please visit yrc.vic.gov.au/mch



Bookaburra Story Time

The Bookaburra Literacy Program is a free story time session for families with children from birth to 6 years of age. The program supports and promotes the importance of literacy in young children and their families through stories, songs and interaction. Sessions are located in various community venues across Yarra Ranges. No registration required.

For program locations and times please visit yrc.vic.gov.au/bookaburra



Yarra Ranges Council is a Child Safe Organisation