



4th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past 6 months the school has been collaborating with the Victorian School Building Authority, [The Austin School](#) and the Department of Education Health and Wellbeing Branch to support a new Health and Wellbeing program. Approval has been granted by the Department of Education Regional Director for the delivery of The Austin School's Social Education Program (SEP), to be delivered onsite at Epping Views Primary School, a separate campus with designated buildings and playground.

This initiative represents a significant opportunity to support student wellbeing, engagement and inclusion within the Epping community. Students are referred to The Austin School through the Infant Child Youth Mental Health Service (ICYMHS), with the program providing a term-based educational program focused on social and emotional learning, alongside the development of school readiness skills.

The program is designed to meet The Austin School students' individualised needs through targeted support in a small group setting, helping students to build confidence, strengthen connections and experience success in their learning journey.

We look forward to working in partnership with The Austin School and supporting families through this valuable initiative.

Rachel Griffiths,
Principal

Please see below for the answers to questions you may have.

Q: Why does The Austin School need a new campus?

A: *The Austin School Outreach Program has been established to support an increasing need for specialised social and emotional education programs for students referred through the Infant Child Youth Mental Health Service (ICYMHS). Partnering with schools such as Epping Views Primary School allows families to access tailored educational support within a school setting while remaining connected to their learning journey.*

Q: Why has Epping Views Primary School been selected as the location for the program?

A: *The North Western Victoria Region (NWVR) Provision and Planning Team has confirmed that Epping Views Primary School currently has significant excess capacity. Based on current enrolment forecasts, the classrooms identified for use by The Austin School are not expected to be required by EVPS in the foreseeable future. It is also unlikely that the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) would repurpose the modular classrooms during this period of the arrangement.*

Q: Will EVPS students participate in the program?

A: *The program is specifically designed for students referred through ICYMHS and The Austin School referral process. Participation is not determined by EVPS.*

Q: How many students will attend the Austin School campus?

A: A maximum of 12 students and 3 staff members.

Q: Will the program impact current EVPS students or classrooms?

A: The program has been carefully planned in collaboration with the Department of Education and school leadership to ensure minimal disruption to the daily operation of the school. Two of the red portables (adjacent to the current Year 3 area) will be utilised. Existing learning programs and student routines will continue as normal.

The School Council will sign a Memorandum of Understanding. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a formal written document outlining an agreement between two or more parties.

Q: What hours will students attend the school?

A: Students attending the school will generally attend between 9.30am to 2.30pm each school day.

Q: Will the students from both schools share the playground together?

A: No. There will be separate buildings and playground with designated boundaries, see map provided below.

Q: When will this happen?

A: Refurbishment of the classrooms will begin this term. Classes are likely to begin some time in the second half of this year.

Q: Who can I contact if I have questions?

A: If you any further questions please send them to me via the school email, subject: Austin School epping.views.ps@education.vic.gov.au

