

Vacation Care Program

5 to 16 April 2021



Important information

Bookings

Vacation Care bookings must be paid for prior to the commencement of Vacation Care. This is done via iPay. If the requested dates on the Vacation Care booking form (on Council's website) are available, these will be the dates that families will be booked in and charged for.

Late pick up fee

The Vacation Care program finishes each day at 6pm. If a child is not picked up by this time a late fee will be charged, according to the following scale - \$10 for every 10 minutes or part thereof per family.

Cancellations

No refunds or credits given for days that families have booked and no longer require. Payment is required for all booked days whether children attend the program or not.

Children's belongings

Strictly no money or children's toys (including smart watches, iPads, phones, DS consoles, cameras) are to be brought to the program.

Please clearly label all your child's clothing and belongings.

Priority of access

The Australian Government regards children at risk of abuse or neglect as a priority group for access to quality childcare. Families in crisis should also have support and assistance from child care services to the maximum extent possible. The Australian Government resources child care with a major purpose of meeting the child care needs of families with recognised work or work related commitments. Where demand for care exceeds supply, it is important for services to allocate available places to those families with the greatest need for childcare support.

Clothing

- > Children must be dressed in:
 - > SunSmart clothing, including covered shoulders.
 - > Appropriate shoes for playing. No thongs or flip flops.
- > Please ensure children are dressed in clothing appropriate for the weather. On wetter days please bring a waterproof coat, beanie, umbrella and gum boots.
- > Label clothing and personal belongings with your child's name so that it can be easily identified.

Food and drinks

- > Parents are required to provide nutritious lunches and snacks, such as sandwiches, fruit, cheese sticks, and water. Please send plenty of food for your child to eat.
- > Please send a refillable drink bottle with water every day.
- > Please no cans/bottles of soft drink.
- > Please note that we cannot heat or cook children's snacks or lunches.
- > We strongly encourage families to re-think your child's lunch box and send nude food each day to the program.

Excursions

Children must arrive at the program at least 30 minutes before the stated departure time – this will help us to avoid being late for booked activities. The bus will not wait for those who are late.

If your child will not be attending on an excursion day, please contact the Educators at the program before 8.30am to prevent delays in departure.

Please dress appropriately as excursions will run during all weather conditions.

Children are not to bring money on excursions.

When travelling by bus we use Ventura bus lines. All buses are fitted with seat belts.

Educator/child ratio is: 1 educator to every 8 children and for a swimming excursion 1 educator to every 5 children.

Please make sure your child brings a refillable water bottle and plenty of food to eat with no wrappers.

Medication

- > If a child is to receive medication during the day, parents must complete the Medication Instruction Sheet, and sign the medication in and out with an educator each day.
- > Medication must be in the original containers with the original labels and the child's name and specific dosage must be clearly visible on the containers. This also applies to any over the counter medication.

Additional needs children

All children are welcome to participate in our Vacation Care Program. If your child has any additional needs, please contact Council's Vacation Care Coordinator on 9294 5739 at least six weeks before the program is due to start to discuss the best ways to support your child.

Additional days of care

During the holidays you must contact Council's Vacation Care team on 9294 5739 if you wish to book your child in for additional days of care.

Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy is available to families who have linked their myGov account. If you are unable to link our Vacation Care program to your account, please contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Bookings close:
Monday 15 March
Full payment due:
Wednesday
24 March

A school holiday program for children in Prep to Grade 6

Centre-based care: \$62 per day

Excursion days: \$71 per day

Opening hours 8am to 6pm

Belmont Park – Olympus Drive, Croydon South

**please note: There will not be a program at Springfield Pavilion for these school holidays*

For further information please contact our Vacation Care team on 9294 5739.



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Enrolments

Enrolments for the Vacation Care program must be completed online at:

www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-services/Children-and-families/School-holiday-programs-primary-school

For more information, please call Council's Youth and Children's Services team on 9294 5739.

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Monday 5 April

Good Friday public holiday



Tuesday 6 April

INCURSION - soccer clinic

Kick off!

We are kicking off the school holidays with an awesome soccer clinic! The team from RDK Sports are coming out today with a professional soccer player. We are going to have so much fun learning lots of new skills and tricks.



Wednesday 7 April

EXCURSION - Dream City

Departure time: 10.30am
Return time: 4.30pm

Get ready to take on the careers of the future as we explore the high-tech DreamCity. You can operate a flight simulator, perform surgery, fight fires, or produce your very own podcast! The possibilities are awesome.



Thursday 8 April

EXCURSION - Tunzafun Rush

Departure time: 9.30am
Return time: 3.30pm

Today we are off to TunzaFun Rush at Fountain Gate! Race around the track in Dodgem Drift; make your way through the Laser Maze; challenge your friends in the Time Freak challenge; and test your skills in the Blacklight Mini Golf!



Friday 9 April

IN-HOUSE

Hello, my name is...

Today is Name Yourself Day, so if you have ever wondered what it would be like to have a different name now is your chance! We have lots of fun and games planned for today, you won't want to miss out!

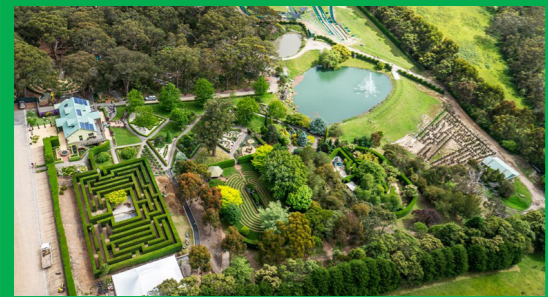


Monday 12 April

EXCURSION - Enchanted Adventure Garden

Departure time: 8.30am
Return time: 5pm

Welcome to an outdoor experience like no other at the Enchanted Adventure Garden. Whether you are looking for an action packed day of physical activities or prefer a slower pace to relax and enjoy the mazes and gardens, there is something for everyone. Get ready to start your adventure!



Tuesday 13 April

EXCURSION - Funfields

Departure time: 8.30am
Return time: 5pm

Today we're off to Funfields adventure theme park in Whittlesea! Jump on to go karts, play mini golf, test your driving skills on the dodgem cars, or frolic in the water park. Do you dare to take on the water slides? Please note that height restrictions do apply to some rides. Don't forget to bring your bathers, a towel, and a plastic bag! You will get wet!



Wednesday 14 April

IN-HOUSE

The Amazing Race

Are you ready for an adventure? Today we will be having Supreme Incursions out for a very important quest - channel your inner explorer as we search different lands looking for clues so that we can unlock the treasure chest!



Thursday 15 January

IN-HOUSE - Dress up

Wacky and wild!

Unleash your inner wild side and come dressed in your craziest outfit! We will have so much fun today with lots of games planned, and prizes too. We can't wait to meet your wackiest YOU!



Friday 16 April

EXCURSION - Myuna Farm

Departure time: 10.30am
Return time: 5pm

At Myuna Farm we'll get to see lots of different animals, explore the petting barn, watch the interactive farm show, plus lots more! We will also catch the farm train down to the wetlands to walk along their fabulous boardwalk.



REMINDERS

- Please remember to bring your drink bottle every day.
- Please ensure your child dresses appropriately every day. There will be lots of time spent outdoors, so please remember to bring your sunhat and to wear sunsmart clothing such as tops with sleeves that cover the shoulders. We will also be participating in lots of messy play, so please don't dress your child in their best clothes!
- **NO NUT PRODUCTS** - we have children in the program with anaphylaxis, so please refrain from bringing nuts (including peanut butter and Nutella) to the program.