

School Newsletter

Thursday 17th February 2022



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**EDGARS CREEK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Child Safe Standards

At Edgars Creek Primary School, we are committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, procedures, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable.

Edgars Creek Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Reporting a Student Absence

If you are calling the School Office to leave a message informing us that your child will be absent, please speak slowly and include:

1. The name(s) of your child(ren)
2. Their Home Group(s)
3. The reason for their absence

Alternatively you can enter your child(ren)'s absence via Compass.



Covid Update

The second round of RAT tests have been distributed and families are asked to continue using these **twice** a week or if their child/ren is/are showing **any symptoms**. Positive cases must be reported to the Department of Health and the school.

The school will work with families to minimise the impact of a positive case on their child's schooling and continue to inform the school community via Compass, when we are informed of a positive case attending onsite.

Our pop-up vaccination clinic provided families the option of having their child immunised last week. The medical team will be returning on THURSDAY 7th APRIL to provide second doses for those eligible. Pleasingly, they are broadening the service to provide first, second and booster doses for all eligible age groups. This means ADULTS, 16-17 year old and children 5 -11 yrs. Please save the date if you are interested. Further information will be provided soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 23rd February

Prep Interviews

No school for Prep on this day

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd March

Meet the Teacher - via Webex

Monday 14th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS

Monday 21st March

Harmony Day

Tuesday 5th April

Whole School Photo Day

Thursday 7th April

School Vaccination Hub

Friday 8th April

Term 1 ends

Students finish at 2:30pm

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Meet the Teacher Appointments

Have you booked a time with your child(ren)'s Home Group teacher(s)?

Interview times for our Meet the Teacher Appointments are open on Compass. Please book a time at which you will be able to log on and meet with your child's Home Group teacher via Webex. It is very important you have the opportunity to speak with our staff and discuss how your child has settled into the year and what ways we can work together to support their success at school socially and academically.

This year we have also offered appointment times with our specialist teachers for families who wish to meet with them. We are aware that our specialist teachers have been very popular and some are completely booked out for both days. We will work with our specialist teachers to share some information about their teaching and learning programs with families who have been unable to book a time for our Meet the Teacher Appointments.

The teachers you book times with will email you instructions explaining how to join the Webex meeting by the 28th February.

Please call the School Office if you are having difficulties booking an appointment.

Meet the Teacher Appointments will be held on Tuesday 1st March and Wednesday 2nd March. Please see Compass for further details.

School Council Elections

Our ECPS School Council for 2022 needs the support of our families. We are seeking parents/carers who can attend a monthly meeting to assist in the development and improvement of Edgars Creek Primary School. In particular, we aim to increase our links with our parent/carer community in 2022. We are hoping to hold some school events onsite at the school, where families can share our wonderful learning opportunities and see our learning spaces.

Another focus of School Council is the concerns we have regarding the traffic management of our surrounding streets and the parking regulations. Yesterday Matt Dunstone (Assistant Principal) met with a representative from the City of Whittlesea to address the issues we have raised. Our School Council is actively working to see an improvement in the traffic management around the school at pick up and drop off time. Please consider joining us if you are concerned by the traffic situation.

Nominations for School Council positions will be open in the next few weeks and we encourage all school community members to consider supporting us in this way.

In addition, the role of School Council is to:

- Assist in the development of the school strategic plan
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- Oversee maintenance of grounds and facilities
- Review and update school policies
- Develop community relations

Please watch Compass for further information.

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CCTV Usage

At ECPS we have the advantage of CCTV systems within the school grounds. This supports and enhances our ability to provide a safe and secure school environment for students, staff and visitors. We ensure that privacy standards are maintained with the installation and use of our CCTV systems.

Our ECPS CCTV Policy is available from the School Office.

Parking Near The School

Families are reminded to park in designated parking areas, always following the parking rules. We have been advised by neighbours that some families are parking over driveways, which is in breach of the parking rules. This may result in a fine to the vehicle owner if the City of Whittlesea parking inspector is in the area.

Please ensure that you always follow the road rules and parking regulations even at busy times. The safety of our students and families is paramount.

Information about parking and safety around schools is included later in this newsletter.

School Hats

All students must wear an Edgars Creek Primary School hat. These are available from PSW. Please put your child's name on this as they are often misplaced. Students who do not have a hat will be required to remain in the shade and this limits their ability to play.



2021 ICAS Mathematics Certificates

The 2021 ICAS Mathematics certificates have been received at the School and will be presented to students on Friday at Assembly. We congratulate the 45 students who participated, showing the school values of Respect, Curiosity, Courage and Responsibility.

We are proud of their achievements :

27 Participation certificates

8 Merit Certificates

8 Credit Certificates

2 Distinction Certificates



ICAS will be offered to families again in Term 3, watch the newsletter for more information.

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Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property at school

The Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Consequently, parents/carers of students, who do not have their own private student accident insurance and/or ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport.

Families are able to purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Families can also purchase an ambulance subscription from Ambulance Victoria for their family,. Some private health insurance policies include coverage for emergency ambulance transportation within their policies.

Personal property, such as toys, mobile phones and iPads are not covered by any insurance policies held by the Department of Education and Training. Schools have no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. It is highly recommended that families insure student BYOD iPads through Apple insurance or their private insurance policies.

Please contact our School Office if you have any further questions.

Every Minute, Every Day Counts!

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day = **3** days

30 mins per day = **18** days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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Meet the Admin Team for 2022:

Alison Thomson - Communications Officer

Hi, I'm Alison (Ali) and this is my second year with Edgars Creek Primary School. I really enjoyed getting to know the students and families last year and look forward to meeting the new students throughout the year. When I'm not at school, I'm at home with my husband and 2 daughters. I love cooking, travelling, reading and watching the Bombers! I look forward to another great year at ECPS.



Alessia Fitzgerald - Enrolment officer

Hi, my name is Alessia. I have been working for the education department, in various roles, for 6 years. I am extremely excited to be working in the School Office, joining the Administration Team here at Edgars Creek Primary School. I look forward to meeting you all and being part of the Edgars Creek Primary School Community.

Di Weatherly - First Aid & OHS

Hi, I'm Di, the First Aid & OHS Officer at ECPS. I have 10 years nursing experience and 18 years in schools, previously as a Teacher Aide and love working with the students here at ECPS. In my spare time I like to camp, fish, cook, travel and spend time with my husband, children and grandchildren.



Leah Jones - Administration Assistant (Part time)

I've been working in Administration at several schools for about 4 years. I have worked mostly in the office, but I have some student support work experience. I'm currently working at Edgars Creek Primary School on Mondays and Wednesdays. I'm looking forward to getting to know your school community.

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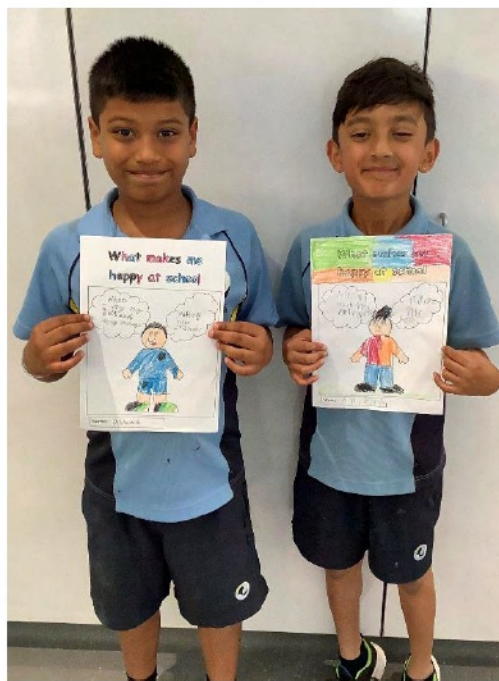
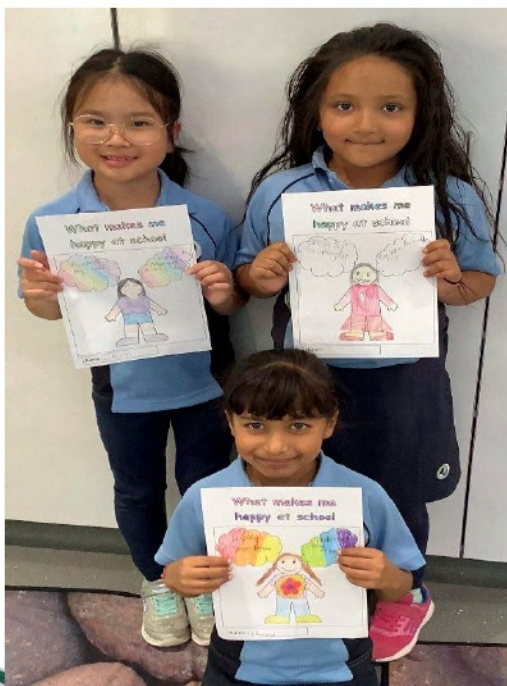
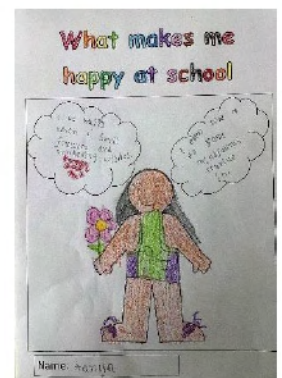
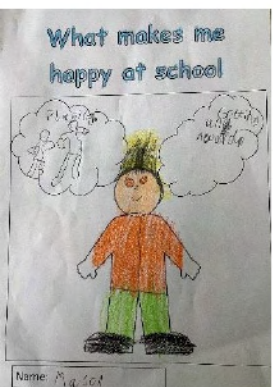
Year 2

Learning Community

The year 2 Learning Community have had a wonderful start back to the new school year with big smiles on their faces!

Over the past week, students have been revisiting Edgars Creek Primary School Values and Expectations. We have also had a very big focus on the different feelings we might feel at school using our 'Zones of Regulation' and how to self-regulate our emotions to get us back into the Green Zone.

Year 2 students participated in an activity by identifying what makes them happy at school and what makes them stay in the Green Zone.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Home Group	Name	Award given for...
PA	Kleo	For displaying excellent behaviour and consistently working hard, especially in Writing. Well done!
PB	Yasmin	For displaying excellent behaviour and trying her hardest on all learning tasks. Keep up the amazing work, Yasmin.
PC	Fateh	For displaying our school value of Courage each morning and when trying new things. Well done!
PD	Shri	For showing our school value of Courage, when settling into a new learning environment. Well done, Shri!
PE	Ayana	For consistently trying her hardest when completing her learning and always being kind to others. Keep being you. Prep E are so proud!
PF	Ivy	For being a fantastic role model for her peers by showing our school value of Respect while playing with others in the playground. Well done Ivy!
PG	Sonam	For always having a positive attitude and trying her best when completing learning tasks. Keep up the great work Sonam!
1A	Zain	For displaying respectful behaviour and always using your manners. Keep up the amazing effort, Zain!
1B	Jessica	For showing our school value, Respect, by listening to her peers and teachers.
1C	Salman	For his positive attitude towards all learning tasks. Salman always tries his best and is willing to challenge himself.
1D	Serina	For showing courage in 1D and being brave in participating in learning. Well done for being so brave this week Serina!
1E	Maria	For displaying a wonderful attitude effort towards her learning and always giving everything a go. Well done on making such a positive start to Year 1, Maria! Keep up the awesome effort!
1F	Jigar	For always showing enthusiasm towards his learning and demonstrating the school value of Being Respectful. You're a superstar, Jigar! Well done on a wonderful start to Year 1.
1G	Sifti	For consistently displaying positive attitude toward her learning. Thank you for always coming to school with a smile on your face and being a role model in our homegroup. Keep up the amazing effort Sifti!
1H	Tyler	For consistently demonstrating excellent behaviour in the classroom. Well done for making a great start to the year.
2A	Maryum	For displaying our school value of Courage and being so resilient when facing challenges at school. I am so proud of you Maryum!
2B	Ishana	For consistently displaying your positive attitude to your learning. You come to school each day with a smile on your face and are always trying your best when completing challenging activities. Keep up the amazing work Ishana!
2C	Adrian	For trying his hardest to complete learning tasks to the best of his ability. You are doing an awesome job Adrian, keep it up!
2D	Dilshan	For sharing your wonderful ideas with the class and trying your best during our writing lessons.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT EXCELLENCE AND EFFORT

Home Group	Name	Award given for...
3A	Oustat	For being a wonderful role model for the entire Year 3 community. Keep up the amazing work, Oustat!
3B	Skylah	Increasing your confidence and participation in class. It is awesome to see your personality and sense of humour starting to shine through. Keep it up Skylah!
3C	Amay	For displaying the school values of curiosity and responsibility inside and outside of the classroom. Well done Amay!
3D		For Violet who has shown lots of resilience in the first weeks of term 1 as well as demonstrating the school value of Curiosity when trying new things.
4A	Jana	Jana, you have been demonstrating enthusiasm in all learning areas and are showing the value of 'Curiosity' by sharing your ideas and questions with the class. Keep up the fantastic effort Jana!
4B	Isobel	For displaying excellent behaviour and constantly demonstrating our school values.
4C	Carlos	For settling into routines at ECPS well and trying your best in the classroom. Well done, Carlos!
5/6A	Zainab	For her fantastic courage in presenting her speech and her wonderful contributions to class discussions!
5/6B	Mohamed	For showing Courage and completing a wonderful speech this week!
5/6C	Grace	For consistently living by the values and aiming high. She never fails to be engaged in her learning and be the best she can be.
5/6D	Aarav	For consistently displaying excellent behaviour in the classroom and working well with his peers during his learning.
5/6E	Ranveer	For displaying excellent behaviour and consistently working hard during lessons.
Visual Arts	Dilshaan 2B	For always trying your best in Visual Arts and having a positive attitude to your learning. Fabulous effort Dilshaan!
Science	Leon - 3B	For always being respectful, safe and a learner in Science. An excellent start to the school year, Leon! Well done!
Digital Technologies	Kiyansh- Prep E	For being an enthusiastic learner in Digital Technologies and always trying his best! Great effort Kiyansh!
PE-Sangeeta	Katerina-Prep D	For displaying Excellent behaviour during PE
PE-James	Daenerys 2C	For displaying excellent behaviour and always trying her best in PE





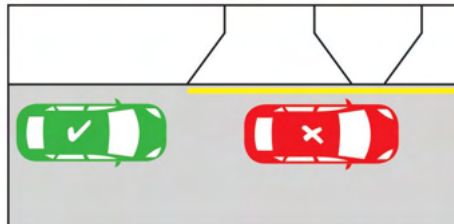
PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Speed



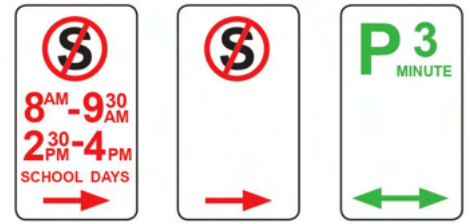
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

Yellow edge line



A driver must not stop on the side of a road marked with a yellow edge line.

Parking/Stopping signage



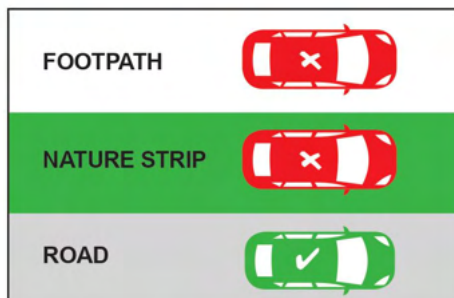
No stopping areas must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times/days. You cannot park in a P3 minute area for longer than three minutes.

School crossings



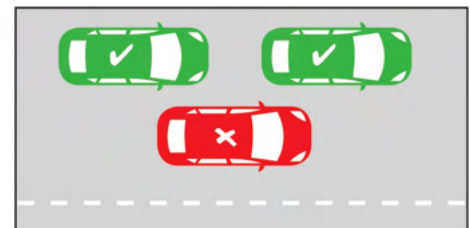
- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

No parking on nature strips/footpaths



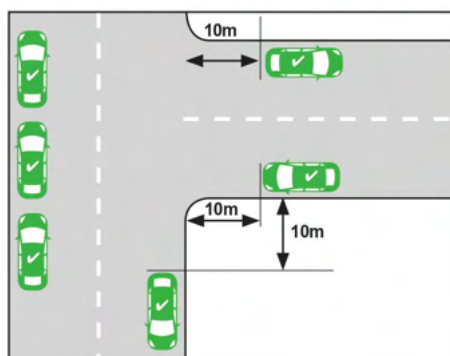
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

Double parking



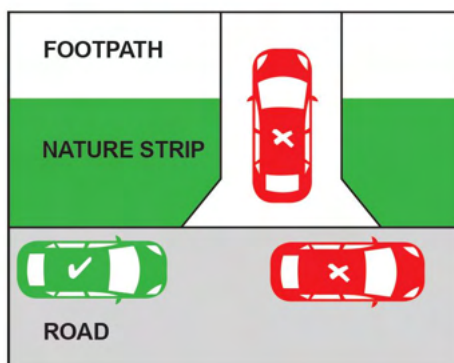
It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

Within 10 metres of an intersection



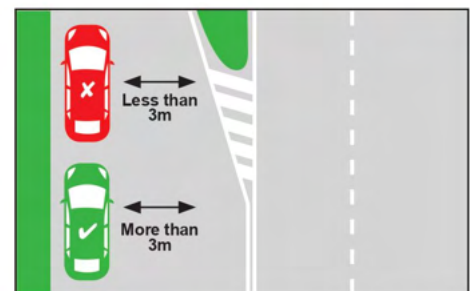
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

Stopping across driveways



It is illegal to, stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car are there for no more than two minutes and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupier.

3 metre gap for signage



At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.

What can you do to stay safe

- Supervise your children in or near traffic
- Walk or cycle to school with your child
- Respect all road rules, parking signs and instructions from authorities
- Wait on the same side of the street as your child
- Always let your child out of the kerb side of the car.

Free Telephone Interpreter Service

العربية	9679 9871	Italiano	9679 9874
Ελληνικά	9679 9873	Македонски	9679 9875
हिंदी	9679 9879	简体中文	9679 9857

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	9679 9879	Tiếng Việt	9679 9878
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Türkçe	9679 9877		

School Crossing Supervisor positions now available.

Enjoy the benefits of permanent part-time work!

There are so many great reasons to join the City of Whittlesea team as a Crossing Supervisor:

- Starting hourly rate of \$31.04 (work 40 weeks but be paid for 52 weeks a year)
- Work 15 hours per fortnight during school terms (Annualised salary paid 12.6hrs per fortnight)
- Paid public holidays that fall during school terms
- 10% superannuation and pro-rata sick leave
- Receive on-the-job training and uniform is provided
- Reduced price memberships available at Mill Park Leisure and Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- Join the City of Whittlesea's active social club and attend organised events
- Health & Wellbeing Programs available

Apply now!

TO APPLY

Complete the application form on the reverse side of this flyer or online at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings

For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 9217 2508 or email school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



City of Whittlesea

Apply to become a School Crossing Supervisor

Join the City of Whittlesea and make a difference in our community!

This very rewarding role helps the most vulnerable members of the community, our children. Assist school aged children and other pedestrians to cross the road at designated school crossings.

ABOUT YOU

To be considered for this job you need to:

- be medically fit
- have your own transport
- be of good character
- relate well to children and be able to talk to children's parents and teachers
- be available to work for 1.5 hours per day, generally between 8am-9am and 3pm-4pm on weekdays during school terms
- be able to obtain and retain a Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- be fully vaccinated against COVID-19

If this sounds like you, then you should definitely apply! Complete the application form below or online at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings



Please send your completed form to: City of Whittlesea, Locked Bag 1, Bundoora MDC VIC 3083

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email address: _____

Do you have any experience working with children? If yes, please provide details:

Why do you want to work as a school crossing supervisor?

What do you know about being a school crossing supervisor?

Referees: Please provide the names and phone numbers of two (2) referees (cannot be family or friends). Please state briefly, the relationship with each referee (for example, your last employer, a supervisor, involvement in a community group, voluntary work, etc).

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

Phone: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship: _____ **Relationship:** _____

If you have any further questions, please contact our School Crossing Team on 9217 2508.



FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2022 | North West Region
6:30pm – 7:30pm (via ZOOM)

Now more than ever, foster carers are needed for children & young people across Victoria.

REGISTER NOW!

Online Information Presentations available during COVID-19

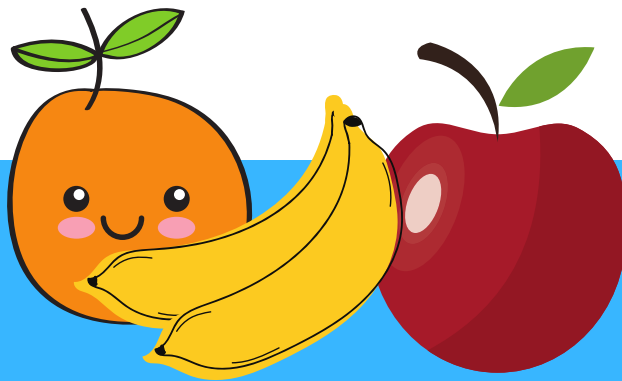


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Breakfast Club is back!

every **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**
from the **CANTEEN**
at **8:20AM**

Enter from **Basketball Gate**



ARE YOU READY TO PLAY BASKETBALL?



**Basketball is coming to Edgars Creek Primary.
Age Group: U8 – U21 years old across boys and girls**



- Basketball is not only a fun activity to do with your friends; it is able to change your life.
- The game can help you gain a healthy lifestyle, turn you into a better all around athlete and can even take you across the world.
- Would you like to be paid tax free (pocket money) to be a referee 14 years and over training provided.
- Whether you are the next superstar or not, playing basketball is one of the best activities you can do during free time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

► Phone: 03 9404 1999

Email: info@wcba.org.au

Web: <https://wcba.org.au/>



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Graduates are in demand and work in a range of educational settings, including primary, secondary & special schools as well as areas of early childhood education.

PATHWAYS

Graduates work as Education Assistants, Teacher's Aides and Support Workers.

ENROLMENTS

Call 9462 6077 to book a pre-enrolment interview.

CONTACT PRACE

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Space Community
Centre, 995 Donnybrook
Road, Donnybrook

DATES & DURATION*

7 April - 8 Dec 2022
(Plus Fri. 8 April - session
via remote learning)

29 sessions, 2 workshops &
100 hour placement.
(Excl. public & school holidays)

DAYS & HOURS

Thursdays
9.45am - 2.45pm

STUDY MODE

Classroom & remote/mixed
mode classes, self-directed
offsite tasks & research,
practical placement and
industry/assessment
workshops.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Moderate computer and
internet and email skills.
English LLN skills at an
industry entry standard.

FEES

Gov. subsidised:

Concession \$90
Full \$450

Non-subsidised:

\$5670^

^Special consideration may apply
+ \$10 Services & amenities fee

**Course commencement is subject
to variation, sufficient enrolments
and eligibility requirements.*

*Prace encourages individuals with
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*This training is delivered with
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World's Latest Kids-Friendly Syllabus

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We know your child's future is very important !

Brainobrain develops your child's concentration, memory, imagination, listening skills, learning ability, visualization, confidence, decision making, creativity, thinking skills, leadership qualities, communication skills, speed, accuracy etc.,

Brainobrain multifaceted activities motivate your child to pool his talents & perform at his best individually & as a team player. It nurtures values like trust, co-operation, morale, problem solving skills etc. The oneness as well as the diversity is cherished.

Brainobrain's activities are milestones to ignite your child's hidden potential like creative thinking, imagination etc., It enriches motor, language, cognitive skills ensuring his mind fitness.

Brainobrain's advanced abacus programme enables your child specialize in visual & numerical skills.

Brainobrain's NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) is a boon to children. It is how you make sense of your world & most importantly how to make it what you want it to be. This world's latest science is introduced in a kid's friendly way.

Brainobrain children are attitude conscious. We educate your child about role models & support them in modeling. Our children are very good. They love others and are loved by others.

Brainobrain is a positive experience & powerful sensory stimuli improving the cognitive performance & the synapses formation - connections between neural cells which are responsible for communication by neurotransmitters.

Brainobrain's Neurobics ensure efficient neural connections across the neural pathways like laterality, focus & centering dimensions. Kindles learning, vision, memory, movement abilities, behaviour, attention, expression, academic performance etc.

Brainobrain empowers your child to express using the right word, attain a powerful vocabulary, become a conversation savvy, confident in language & thereby a better personality.

Enroll & Empower !



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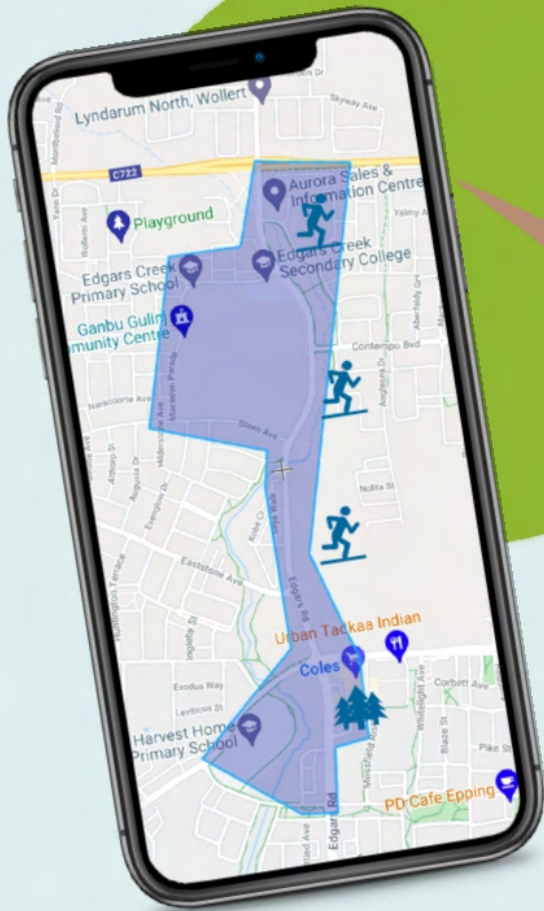
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QUOTE THIS AD TO CLAIM 2 FREE CLASSES!

Northern Youth Council's 2022

Clean Up Australia Day



To Sign Up:

Email us - TheNorthernYouthCouncil@gmail.com
or via the link in the comments

When: Sunday March 6th at 10am
Meeting Point: Outside Galada Community Centre - 10A Forum Way Epping. (Golves and rubbish bags provided)

Route:

(Start) Galada Community Centre > Aurora Shopping Centre > Harvest Home Road > Edgars Road > Edgars Creek > Aurora Adventure Park > Edgars Creek Secondary > Edgars Creek Primary > Edgars Road > Harvest Home Primary > Galada Community Centre (Finish).



STEP UP TO CLEAN UP

The Northern Youth Council (NYC) is dedicated to providing a platform that generates powerful local advocacy by giving young people the know-how to curate change on real, everyday issues facing those aged under 25 years in Melbourne's outer north.

One of our priority areas for 2021/22 is climate change.

Our Clean Up Australia Day goals include:

- Getting young people involved in local pride and upkeep.
- Bringing to light the issues of rubbish dumping and littering in the area.
- Doing our part in cleaning up local streetscapes, schools, parks and creeks.
- Connecting with our community and creating a collective.
- Raising awareness and educating the north on environmental concerns and their impacts.

BRINGING YOUNG VOICES TO THE TABLE.



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