

Education & Learning



Learning doesn't stop when you leave school.

Are you starting a new hobby, considering a career change, enhancing your qualifications or simply curious to learn more?

The Education and Training Liftout highlights the opportunities available for students of all ages and stages of life in the goldfields.

Our annual Prep Feature showcases the start of the educational journey for our youngest residents.

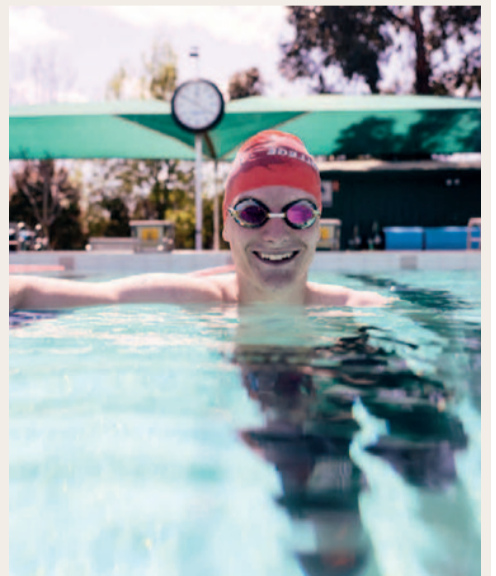
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Lily.



DUNOLLY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Back: Noah, Olivia, Joseph, Griffin, Charlie, Knox.
Front: Josie, Xander, Skye, Chelsea, Charlie, Billie.



TALBOT PRIMARY SCHOOL
Sienna, Willow, Charlotte and Hudson.



At Tarnagulla Primary School, we live by our values:

Safety First | Respect Always | Effort Before Achievement

These values guide everything we do, from our daily learning to the way we interact with one another. With small class sizes, modern facilities and an idyllic bush setting, our school provides a nurturing and challenging environment where students feel empowered to reach their personal best. Through rich learning experiences, strong relationships, and a focus on wellbeing and inclusivity, we prepare our students for a bright future while celebrating the close-knit community that makes our school so special. We invite you to be part of our Tarnagulla Primary School family—a place where children grow, explore, and succeed together.

For further information or to organise a tour of the school please email tarnaps.vic.gov.au, or Principal Julie.Martin@education.vic.gov.au.

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St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

MARYBOROUGH

Principal: Mrs Sonia Turner

At St. Augustine's Primary School, we believe that all children can learn. We will nurture and inspire our learners through the awe and wonder of God's creation, 'so that they may have life and have it abundantly'.
— John 10:10

We are now taking enrolments for 2027.
Complete the Expression of Interest form through our website.
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UPCOMING OPEN MORNINGS:
Wednesday 20th May & Thursday 21st May



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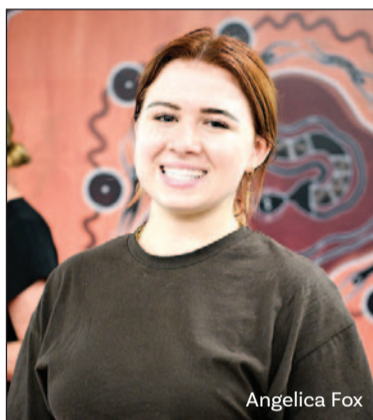
Big opportunities, close to home: why students are choosing La Trobe Bendigo

For students in towns like Maryborough, university doesn't have to mean moving away.

Less than an hour's drive from home, La Trobe University's Bendigo campus is creating opportunities for students to pursue a wide range of careers while staying connected to their communities, work and family life.

Home to just over 4000 students, the campus offers courses across health, education, business, law, arts, science and engineering. From nursing, midwifery and pharmacy to teaching, business, law and engineering, students can access high-quality degrees and contemporary facilities without relocating to Melbourne.

For third-year pharmacy student Angelica Fox, flexibility made all the difference.



Angelica Fox

"I wasn't completely sure pharmacy was for me at first," she says. "I'd heard other courses could be quite rigid, with long days on campus."

After taking a gap year and exploring her options, Angelica chose to study through La Trobe's Rural Health School in Bendigo. She was drawn to a course that gave her the ability to balance study with work and other commitments.

"I've absolutely loved it," she said. "There are so many opportunities to get involved in clubs and events. The course itself is really engaging."

La Trobe's Rural Health School is the largest of its kind in Australia, with students learning in purpose-built facilities and undertaking clinical placements in hospitals and health services across regional Victoria.

The school works closely with industry partners, ensuring students gain hands-on experience while building professional connections, alongside research that improves health outcomes in rural communities.

For pharmacy students, that includes a simulated pharmacy, complete with industry-standard dispensing software used in both community and hospital settings.

"We get to practise real scenarios," Angelica says. "A lot of

our assessments are role play where we ask questions and work out the right medication. It's a really engaging way to learn."

Pharmacy students can also work in the field while studying, building experience early.

"I work at TerryWhite Chemmart as a student," Angelica said. "You're able to do a lot of what a pharmacist does, just under supervision."

Studying in Bendigo has also allowed Angelica to stay connected to the broader aspects of her life. She plays mixed netball, is actively involved in the Bendigo Association of Pharmacy Students and volunteers with her local CFA.

"When the Harcourt fires were happening, our brigade was called out, and I was able to be there supporting locally," she said.

The ability to balance study, work and community is a key reason many students are choosing to study closer to home.

For Angelica, the future is already taking shape. She has applied to join the Australian Defence Force as a pharmacist through its undergraduate pathway, an opportunity that will support her career development and cover her study costs.

For students across Central Victoria, it's a reminder that opportunity might be closer than they think. Building a meaningful career doesn't have to mean leaving home.



YOU'RE MORE 'CLOSE-KNIT CLASS' THAN 'JUST THERE TO PASS'

THAT'S A LA TROBE KIND OF PERSON



LA TROBE UNIVERSITY



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Learning, Laughter and Belonging... Prep Life at MEC

Starting school is a big milestone, for children and families alike. It's the beginning of new friendships, growing confidence and independence, and the start of a lifelong love of learning.

At Maryborough Education Centre, our Prep students are supported every step of the way by our caring and skilled staff. From building strong foundations in literacy and numeracy to specialist classes and social and emotional learning, every lesson is designed to help students grow, thrive and navigate the world around them with confidence. Our Prep program is thoughtfully designed to meet each child where they are. We focus on individual strengths, abilities and learning styles, helping students develop their skills in reading, writing and

mathematics in ways that are meaningful and engaging. Just as importantly, we nurture reflection, confident speaking and active listening, skills that support learning well beyond the classroom. Step inside a Prep classroom and you'll see learning come to life. Books spark imagination, numbers have real-world purpose, and letters turn into words, sentences and stories where students can share their ideas and creativity. Through integrated studies, Prep students explore their place in the world, learning about family, community and connection to the land. These experiences



are enriched by sharing and drawing on elements of Indigenous Australian culture, helping students build understanding, respect and connection from an early age. Each morning, as Prep students walk through the gates and are warmly greeted, they know they belong. They are entering

a school that is inclusive, supportive and deeply connected, a place that lives our MEC values of aspiration, kindness and respect. And the best proof of all? The smiles, excitement and eager footsteps heading to class each day. That's what it truly means to be a Prep at MEC.



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ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



TIMOR PRIMARY SCHOOL
Walter, Hemi, Elijah, Connor, Millie.

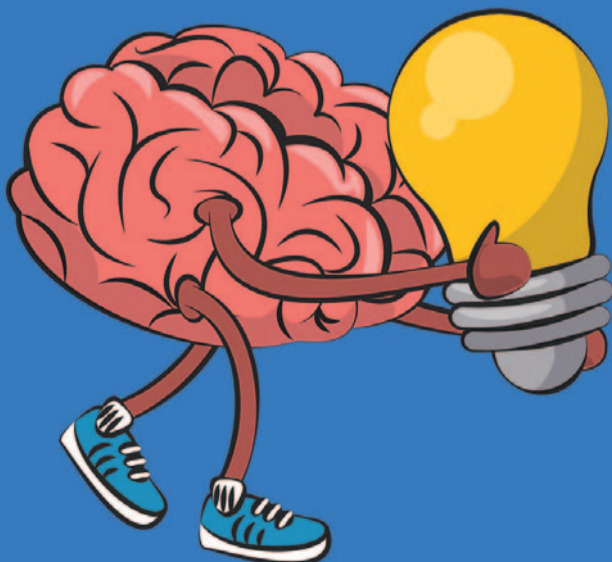


ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHAT IS LEARNING?

Learning is defined as the gaining of knowledge or skills through study, experience, practising or being taught.

It is the process of learning something including the knowledge gained from reading and studying.



TIMOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieve, Respect, Responsible

Are you looking for a small school where every child is known, supported and encouraged to succeed?

At Timor Primary School, our values of Achieve, Respect, Responsible guide everything we do. We pride ourselves on creating a supportive learning environment where students can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Timor Primary School offers:

- Small class sizes (average of 14 students)
- Education Support staff in every classroom
- Access to an internal Speech Pathologist
- Access to a Provisional Psychologist
- A spacious rural environment with excellent facilities
- A caring and inclusive school community only 8km from Maryborough

Our team works closely with students and families to ensure every child is supported to reach their full potential.

If you are looking for a welcoming school community that prioritises student wellbeing and achievement, Timor Primary School may be the perfect fit for your child.

Step into Prep (come and try sessions)

Session 1 - Friday 8th May (9:00-12:00)

Session 2 - Friday 19th June (9:00-12:00)

For further information or to arrange a school tour, please contact Timor Primary School on (03) 54612595 or timor.ps@education.vic.gov.au





MARYBOROUGH EDUCATION CENTRE
From left: Kim, Marley, Harold, Jodie & Mary.



MARYBOROUGH EDUCATION CENTRE
From left: Elijah, Tobias, Mason, Ollie, Diamond.



MARYBOROUGH EDUCATION CENTRE
From left: Boston, Orion, Ziggy, Phoebe, Marliee, Zaavin, Jaxon, Taylah, Willow.

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**FIRST LOOK AT FOUNDATION
OPEN DAYS FOR 2027
ENROLMENTS
MAY 6 & JUNE 3**

**WELCOMING & FRIENDLY
LEARNING COMMUNITY**

**MULTI-AGE CLASSROOMS
DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE
EXTENSION AND SUPPORT**

**VISUAL ARTS
SCIENCE AUSLAN
PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**EXPLICIT TEACHING OF
LITERACY & NUMERACY**

**TRANSITION, CAMPING &
LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

**RICH INCURSION & EXCURSION
OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT
LEARNING PROGRAMS**

TALBOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Future Begins Here...



Keeping family connected through home schooling

Home schooling is not for everyone but, as Daisy Hill mother-of-three Ebony Miller explains, for her and her partner, the decision to educate their own children seemed like a natural extension of their family life.

“When our oldest was getting to the age to start school, there was something about dropping her off to a complete stranger for five days a week, six hours a day that made me feel uncomfortable,” Ebony said.

“She was so little and it felt wrong that she would spend more time with someone other than the people who are there to nurture her.

“I looked into home schooling and connected with a few home schoolers and we realised that it was probably the right and better fit for our family and our values and what we want our kids to learn and live by.”

Ebony encourages anyone considering home schooling for their children to connect with local parents and research resources available online.

Parents who decide to educate their children at home must register with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA), which has developed a home-schooling policy that regulates home education.

Home schooling can take many forms, including: one or more parents educating their child; groups of home-schooling students coming together for short periods; attending excursions and activities in the community and using a tutor for individual subjects, for example tutoring in maths.

Parents have the option of using a curriculum developed by the education department or developing their own curriculum, which is submitted for approval to VRQA. Some parents may opt to partially home-school, whereby their children attend school for two or three days a week and are home schooled on the other days.

Ebony explained that she developed her own curriculum which incorporated the education department’s requirements with day-to-day life.

“If we don’t use a book for maths lessons we will write a grocery list, go to the shops, add it all together and come home where they will do baking or cooking – so they do measurements and

weigh food while preparing.

“It is about life skills but using seven or eight main subjects. It’s not your typical nine-to-three school day – it’s incorporated in the rhythm of family life. It could be helping to build a chicken coop, or fixing a bike chain; that’s how we go about it.”

Ebony acknowledges that one of the biggest concerns for parents considering home-schooling is social development. She laughs as she explains she is speaking to *The Addy* while standing in a playground surrounded by more than 20 home-schooled children.

“I don’t think there are many social issues to be concerned about, especially where we are there are a lot of home schoolers around. We have the home school group in Maryborough that meet up every Thursday. There are similar groups in Loddon, Creswick and Ballarat and Bendigo.

“We do lots of different activities. Today we are at the Daisy Hill Community Centre, where the kids got to choose an animal and make habitats. Last week we went to the Maryborough indoor pool, we have had Ambulance Victoria visit us, we had Red Cross come and do their Pillowcase Talk here, and we have gone to the Maryborough police station.

“My kids also do jujitsu three nights a week, so they’ve got that interaction.”

With three children aged eight, seven and three-and-a-half, Ebony and her partner are not totally against school-based education in the future, but said for now home schooling is working for their family.

“I enjoy seeing them grow and deal with different challenges,” she said.

“I’m definitely a parent that stands back and lets them work out what’s going on. Then, if they do need support, I’m right there.

“My kids are very confident to have a conversation with anybody or order their own food, pay for their own groceries. There is not that segregation between adults and children that you have in a typical classroom, where there is just one teacher for most of the day.

“I would never say no to other types of schooling; it’s about giving my kids what they need. We’re very happy right now with the way things are going for our family.”



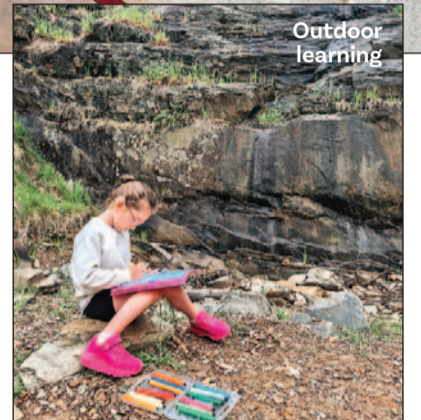
Museum visits



Cooking



Red Cross Pillowcase Talk



Outdoor learning

For more information:
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www2.vrqa.vic.gov.au/home-education

ACHIEVEMENT	COMMUNITY	RESILIENCE	RESPECT
WERPIL Wedge-tailed Eagle	NGUR-NGUR Wombat	GURRI Kangaroo	SWATJARANG Platypus

A comprehensive curriculum including literacy, numeracy and specialist programs
 Wellbeing programs
 Small school environment where staff cater for all students’ needs
 Buddies program | AUSLAN program
 Strong community involvement
 Use of laptop technology
 Outstanding transition programs

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Camping



BEALIBA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Offers a dynamic, family-oriented, and community-focused atmosphere where every student is supported to thrive.

The school provides high-quality, individualised, and structured learning opportunities within collaborative learning spaces.

Students benefit from a diverse and enriching curriculum, including LOTE (Japanese), along with unique opportunities such as virtual science programs delivered in partnership with a discovery science and technology centre. Accessibility is a key priority, with no school fees and uniforms provided to ensure all families can participate fully in school life.

A strong emphasis is placed on early childhood development, with engaging playground facilities catering for children aged 0–5 years.

Please call us to arrange a school tour

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NATTE YALLOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Lilly.



TARNAGULLA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Arthur and Olly.



AVOCA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Back: Axel, Shayla, Alex, Riley, Finn, Charlie, Gabrielle, Macey, Paige. Front: Mia, Charleigh, Silver, Lucy, Lexi, Oliver, Ozzy, Violet, Rhys.



Natte Yallock Primary School

Kindness
Respect
Excellence



- Supportive & Nurturing Environment - Every child is seen, heard, and valued
- Small Class Sizes - Personalised attention and stronger teacher-student connections
- Dedicated, Passionate Teachers - Committed to every student's success
- 1:1 Technology Access - Empowering students with the tools for modern learning
- Student Voice Matters - Learners are given opportunities to share ideas and take the lead
- Harnessing Student Interests - Curriculum designed to engage and inspire
- A Place to Grow & Thrive - Helping every child reach their full potential in a safe and encouraging space



It's worth the drive!

Receive a complimentary Polo Shirt and Book Bag when you enrol.

Tours and Enrolments Welcome
Contact Principal
Emily Fithall
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WHAT IS EDUCATION?

Education is the process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university, to gain understanding, improve knowledge and develop skills.



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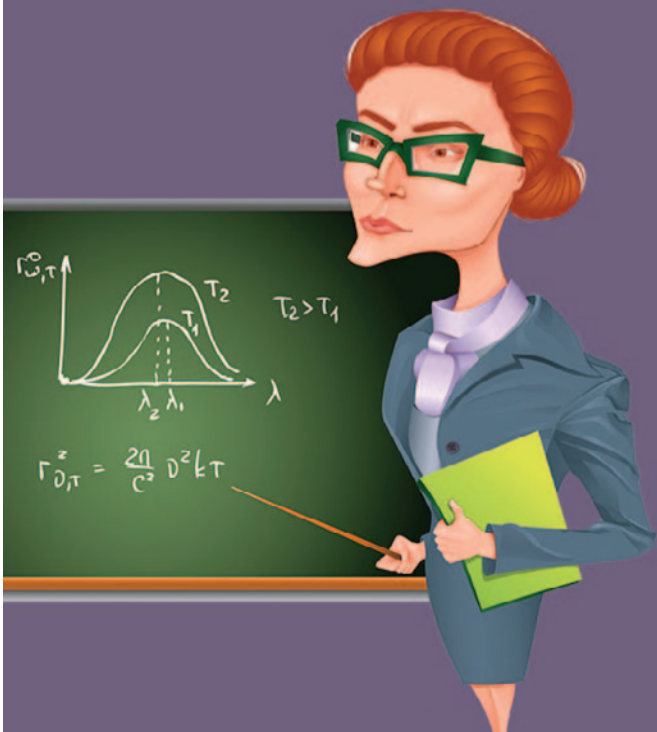
**CARISBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Prep A : Back row (L-R) -
Tyler, Bryson, Xavier,
Harrison, Rylan, Koby, Max,
Rowie. Front row (L-R) -
Isabell, Lola, Poppy, Evie,
Elsie, Heidi, Sofia, Mylah,
Grayson.



**CARISBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Prep B: Back row (L-R) -
Bellamy, Ryder, Jaxon,
Phoenix, Zion, Brayden, Albie.
Front row (L-R) - Marlee,
Haydee, Freja, Lizzy, Luna,
Rosalie, Ella.
Absent: Rose and Brody.

WHAT IS TRAINING?

Training is the action of teaching a person a particular skill or type of behaviour, as well as the process of learning the skills that are needed for an art, a profession or a job.



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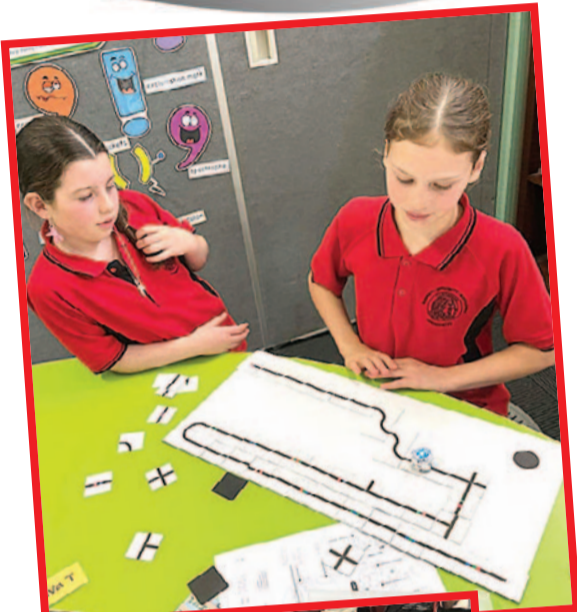
Welcome to 2026 at Carisbrook Primary School

Welcome to Carisbrook Primary School, where we focus on community, care and connection. In our country setting we offer a welcoming environment for every child who is known, valued and supported. Our dedicated staff are able to give personalised attention to help each student grow and reach their full potential.

We have a strong focus on Mathematics & Literacy and offer specialist subjects in Sustainability, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Auslan and Library. With a wide range of extra-curricular activities from excursions, sporting events and camps we focus on learning both curriculum and life skills.

2027 enrolments will be taken from the start of term 2 and families wishing to tour our school are encouraged to make contact with our office to book a personalised tour with our Acting Principal Mr Jack Wardell.

We are delighted to introduce our student leaders for 2026, who will play a vital role in representing and supporting our school community throughout the year.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Kenzie Calder



Archer Hurse

VICE CAPTAINS



Isla Harper



Madden Rumpff



For all enrolment enquiries please contact us via phone or email to make an appointment.

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