Wooranna Park's Woonderings Wednesday 10 September 2025

Hi everyone,

A special shout out to the incredible dads and father figures within our community. We hope you had a great day on Sunday! Your dedication to your families does not go unnoticed. Last weekend, we celebrated your strength, support, and love you provide every day.



Thank you to all our families that also supported our Father's Day stall. This, along with your own family celebrations, offered us all an opportunity to reflect on the contribution that men make to the lives of children. Thank you to our helpers, **Ameena, Cassie, Damien, Matt, Elinor, Elise, Jill, Michelle, Odelia and Sally.** Also, a special shout out to **Jess** for her leadership and coordination efforts with this stall, giving our students the opportunity to do some shopping.

Department of Education Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey

results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families will be invited to participate in the survey via a XUNO message on **Monday 18**August . The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 18**August to Friday 19 September

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete.



Just a reminder that **Friday 19 September** is our last day of Term Three. **Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.**

We will return to school on **Monday 6 October**! Remember students will require their <u>SunSmart hat</u> given the warmer weather in Term Four.

Principal for a Day

I will be handing over my job, to selected students to be Principal for a Day on Friday 31 October! Students interested in this challenge are encouraged to write an application. These applications need to be submitted by Friday 26 October so that I can select a P-2, 3-4 & 5-6 Principal. I can't wait to share this day with three successful applicants!

Time to Plan Ahead!

I respect that it is scary to think about 2026, but we are beginning to look at our enrolment numbers and whole school structure.

If you have any intentions to unfortunately leave WPPS in the next 6 months, please let the school office know ASAP. Your decision does not need to be confirmed and does not mean your child loses their spot if you change your mind but giving

us a heads up is very helpful. This information is vital for the school to budget and plan for staffing in 2026. We do not want any children to be stuck in classes that are too big or only have a few kids, but this relies on us knowing who will be here.

If you suspect you may be moving house, travelling overseas or you know your visa is expiring, please communicate this to office as soon as possible.

If you have a child starting school in 2026, please visit the VicStudents portal via this link https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/ to create an account and complete the online application form ASAP given that offers are now being send out.

Child Safety Processes

Finally, if you are planning to volunteer at school be it whether for excursions, classroom help, or events, you must hold a **Volunteer Working with Children Check (WWCC)**.

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JOHN B CITIZEN

This is a **requirement under Victorian law** and part of our school's commitment to upholding child safety standards.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

- It's free for volunteers
- It's quick and easy to apply
- ☑ It helps us meet our legal obligations and keep everyone safe.

Apply here: https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your commitment to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for every child. If you have any questions about these child safe responsibilities or the <u>reporting process</u>, please do not hesitate to seek support or clarification.

Kind regards, **Amanda Ellaby**Executive Principal

SHARING OUR 🕜 OF LEARNING

In the Grade 5/6 unit students...

Challenged by the Gala Sports Day, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and cooperation.



Applied their learning at the Mini Fete by designing and running games, stalls, and the haunted house.



Strengthened fluency, vocabulary, and writing of procedural and explanation texts.



Engaged in an exciting excursion to the Enchanted Adventure Garden, applying problem-solving skills and supporting one another through new experiences.



Explored topics such as fractions, decimals, and transformations in mathematics to strengthen their conceptual understanding.



Celebrated Book Week by connecting with literature, dressing up, and participating in the Book Parade.



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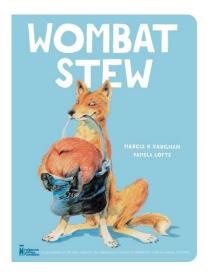


OF LEARNING





Our Prep students have been reimagining The Gruffalo by creating their own stick puppets and designing puppet stages. Students have been experimenting with character voices while performing short scenes from the story. In addition, we are rehearsing The Gruffalo Song in preparation for a special performance at our class assembly next term.



Our Grade 1/2 students have been learning about Australian animals and how they move. We have been waddling, paddling, flying, diving, digging and gliding. We have learned many new songs and dance moves, read and acted out a range of stories and created our very own Wombat Stew! Congratulations to all of the grade 1 and 2 students for trying something new.



Our Grade 3/4 students have been exploring drama from Australia's neighbouring countries. We have learned a Fijian Meke style dance, taken inspiration from Papua New Guinea to create shadow puppets and worked in groups to create a simple story using masks inspired by the Torres Strait Islands. Congratulations to the grade 3 and 4 students for working cooperatively in groups.



Our Grade 5/6 students have been working together to create a supportive learning environment where we can take risks to try something new. We have engaged in a number of cooperative improvisation drama games, worked together to write lyrics and began learning new dance moves. Congratulations to the grade 5/6 students for demonstrating openmindedness when trying something new.



Our Prep students have been learning the names of common farm animals in Japanese such as "pig", "cow", "chicken" and "horse". Students practiced the names as well as indicating whether the liked, didn't like or loved those animals using the appropriate Japanese words for each.

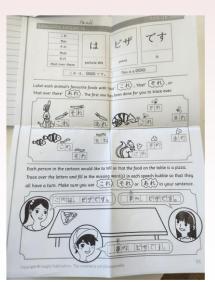


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Grade 1/2 learnt the Japanese names for common classroom items such as pencil, rubber, eraser and scissors. They then had the opportunity to make pencil holders out of coloured paper using Origami techniques.



Grade 3/4 have been working on their reviewing and extending their understanding of Japanese numbers and how to write and say them. Students looked at counting in units of ten up to one hundred.

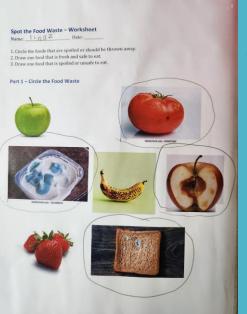
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manners and food culture. They are now extending this learning by practicing how to ask what "this", "that" and "that over there" are in Japanese.

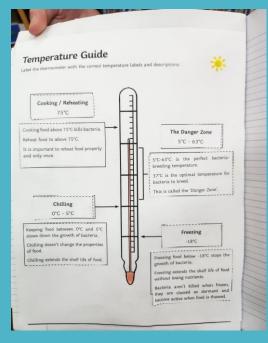




Prep Students have explored safe food handling and how to correctly wash their hands as part of food hygiene. Students had hands on practice of washing their hands and then demonstrated their learning by sequencing the hand washing process with pictures.



Recently our grade 3 and 4 students have been learning about food safety and the impacts of improperly storing food. Students have examined the impact of temperature on bacteria growth



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Grade 1/2 students examined the common causes of food going bad and how to identify food that was not longer safe to eat. They learnt about mould, bacteria and when it was ok or not ok to eat some common foods.

Our 5/6 Students have been learning about food waste and its impact of people, economies and the environment. Most recently they have been examining the impact of food waste on Climate Change through research projects and presenting their finding to their classmates using posters, slideshows and short speeches.

GRADES OF THE WEEK



Each week our classes earn points during their Specialists' class by:

- respecting others' right to learn (respect).
- keeping our body parts to ourselves and their personal space (safe).
- Looking after classroom and school equipment (responsible).

The class with the most points hosts Puggles for the week...and if a class wins Puggles three times then they will get a pizza party!

Congratulations to Prep A, Prep B, all 1/2s, 3.4C, 5/6B and 5/6C for being our grades of the week in the last fortnight!

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

A few posts have been put up on our website over the past week. Please make sure you visit the home page and scroll down to catch up.

https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/



End of Term - Early Dismissal on Friday 19 September

Just a reminder that Friday 19 September is our last day of Term Three. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

READ MORE



Religious Commemorations

If your child is involved in any commemorations such as Ramadan or Muharram throughout the year, potentially impacting them from accessing the planned educational program, can you please communicate the requirements of this commemoration for their teachers' understanding.

READ MORE



2026 Grade Six Tops

We are excited to let you know that your online shop is ready, enabling you to purchase the 2026 Grade Six commemorative tops. Details of these items are included below.

READ MORE



Wooranna Park Primary School

Published by Amanda Ellaby @ - 30 August at 08:01 - @

Prep B explored the concept of length. We started by learning what the word 'length' means then went on a classroom hunt to find objects that were long and short. Tog... See more













Look at the Grade 1/2s bonding through bond blocks!







SUNSHINE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION



You are invited to an information session about how you can **support your child to use Sunshine Online** at home.

Sunshine Online is a digital program for children aged 5–10 that supports reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension. It offers 180 decodable texts and over 900 fiction and non-fiction e-books, hundreds of literacy and skills activities and resources fluent readers.

At this session, you will:

- See how Sunshine Online works
- · Learn how it can help your child's learning
- Practise using it on a phone, tablet, or computer
- Take home a simple step-by-step guide
- Receive support to add the app to your device

When: Monday 15th September

Time: 2:45 pm **Where:** 1/2 D

Please bring your phone, tablet, or laptop if you can.

We will have devices here for you to practise on.

Tea, coffee, and snacks provided.

Interpreters will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Kim Campbell

Literacy Leader (P-2)

ATTENTION 2025 GRADE FIVE FAMILIES

Due by the last day of Term Three!

WOORANNA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL GRADE 6 COMMEMORATIVE GARMENTS

ONLINE OPENING DATE: FRIDAY 29th AUGUST 2025

ONLINE CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2025





Bomber Jacket = \$67

Polo = \$42.50

Follow the following easy steps to order your garments online.

- 1. Go to https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/wooranna-park-primary-school/
- 2. This page will then give you up to date information such as cut-off date for orders and delivery.
- 3. Select the relevant garment or package (if applicable)
- 4. Select size (referred to size chart) and quantity.
- 5. Then click ADD TO CART.
- 6. If you wish to proceed to checkout click VIEW CART or to continue shopping click CONTINUE
- 7. At any stage if you wish to view your cart, click on the trolley icon at the top of page

Sizing chart is available on the online shop. Please ensure you have referred to the size chart and ordered the correct size.

Fashion Clubwear only manufactures to order. There will be an administrative charge of \$15 (Incl. GST) if any changes are required to your order prior to the shop being closed. Once the shop is CLOSED, NO changes can be made to your order. NO refunds will be given after your order has been submitted. Late orders will not be accepted.

Upon successful completion of your order, you will be emailed a copy of your order as confirmation. If you don't receive a copy of your order by email, either your order was not successfully completed or the email address you provided was incorrect.





GREATER DANDENONG NETWORK LOGO COMPETITION



Students from Foundation to Year 12 across the Greater Dandenong Network of schools

Theme:

- Mean Celebrates the diversity of our community
- Honours our Aboriginal heritage, recognising that we live and learn on the lands of the Bunurong people

m Competition Dates:

Open: 1 September 2025 Close: 31 October 2025

How to Enter:

Submit your design (digital file or clear photo of your artwork) with your name

- · In person: Dandenong Primary School
- Email: gdnlogo@gmail.com
- Text: 0421 876 237

Design Tips: Be creative and original
Reflect community and inclusivity
Honour Aboriginal culture and heritage

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - HONOUR HERITAGE - INSPIRE COMMUNITY

FUTURE ENROLMENTS

If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2026, please visit or call the Office to organise an interview with one of our leadership members.

This process helps us to get to know your little one in support of their transition to school.

If you know of a family who is wanting to join the Wooranna Park community in 2026, please encourage them to call the Office to organise a school tour.

Details about the 2026 Prep enrolment process can be found on our website at https://www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au/page/12/Enrolment

STEPPING UP INTO SCHOOL IN 2026!

Transition and information sessions for enrolled students and their families!



From 2:30pm till 3:15pm

- Thursday 13 November
- Thursday 20 November

Enrol Now



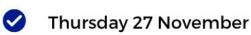
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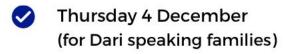
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Visit Website Us

www.woorannaparkps.vic.edu.au









UNIFORM REMINDERS

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Wooranna Park Primary School. For our full uniform, please see the school website. All our uniform pieces can be purchased at **PSW, Unit 1, 9-11 South Link, Dandenong South, 3157**



Orange Short Sleeve Polo Shirts



Navy Blue Windcheater



Navy Blue Bomber Jacket



Summer Dress



Navy Blue tracksuit pants/full length leggings No Jeans



Navy Blue Rugby or Gaberdine Shorts/Skort



Navy Blue Hat



Orange Long Sleeve Polo Shirt



Socks – White, Black, Navy



Sport Shoes or Black Shoes



Gloves and Scarves (White, Black, Navy)

The following items are not permitted as a part of our uniform:

Jewellery



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Long Earrings

Nail Polish



Make-Up



IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The following days have been endorsed by School Council:

- Monday 25 August
- Monday 27 October

Students do not attend school on these days. DS Sports will be providing childcare on these days.

On the last day of Terms One, Two and Three we have an early dismissal time of **2:30pm** and on the last day of Term Four we finish at **1:30pm**.

COMMUNICATION

Wooranna Park Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and families to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Your child's teacher will offer you a range of opportunities to communicate with them including:

XUNO

- ✓ XUNO
- ✓ School diary
- ✓ Formal meetings
- ✓ Before/After school chats

If you do not have access to XUNO please contact our school Office and find out how you can obtain it as XUNO will be used several times each week so we want everyone to have access.

FACEBOOK

Please like our <u>Facebook page</u>. This page will be used by the school to inform families and the public of events and updates at the school. Feedback and discussion with parents/carers are welcome, but the school will not use Facebook for this purpose.

Please contact the school directly if you wish to discuss matters, as per our communication process. Only this <u>Facebook page</u> is endorsed

by the Principal. Any other Facebook pages are not officially authorised representatives of the school.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important the school has your most current emergency contact telephone details, home and e-mail address.

If you change telephone details or home and e-mail address at any point, we ask that you update the school with your accurate contact details as soon as possible.

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STUDENT SUPERVISION

Please note that our school grounds are supervised by school staff at the following times:

- Before school from 8:30am to 9am
- Throughout recess and lunch
- After school from 3:30pm to 3:45pm.

Our gates are locked each afternoon at 3:45pm. Students in the school grounds after this time will be cared for at <u>DS Sports</u> at the family's expense.

The school grounds are not supervised outside of the above times.

It is important that families understand that the park, opposite the school, is not supervised by staff before or after school.

While some families use this area as a meeting place, please know children must be supervised by an adult, as per the Greater Dandenong Council's direction.



BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast is available for all students from 8:15am.

MORE IMPORTANT DETAILS

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE



DS Sports will be providing Outside School Hours Care at Wooranna Park Primary School from 3.30pm to 6pm, every afternoon, Monday to Friday.

DS Sports provides an adventurous and stimulating After School Care program, in a safe and inclusive environment.

DS zones are a place for growth and nurture the building of life-time skills. Our zones incorporate Health, Play, Leisure, Language, Real Life Connections and promotes the building of positive relationships with peers and our staff.

All families are strongly encouraged to register their child/ren for DS Sports as it is free to enrol and while you are under no obligation to use this service it does provide support for you in the event of an emergency. For information about this program, please contact this service directly at:

https://www.dssports.org/wooranna-parkprimary

MOBILE DEVICES

In line with the Department of Education's Mobile Phone policy, all phones brought to school must be switched off and stored securely in the front Office, during the school day.

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as a smartwatch.

When a student is not complying with this mobile phone policy, we will be required to follow a process in accordance with our existing student engagement polices.

LUNCH ORDERS

Subway lunch orders are available each Friday. There is a pre-ordering system and orders must be placed via XUNO by 4pm each Tuesday for the Friday's lunch.



Late orders cannot be accepted.

SAFETY

All bike and scooter riders are required to wear a bike helmet in Victoria.

Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.

Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.

Also, by law everyone must wear a seat belt when travelling in a car in Australia

SUNSMART



For Term One and Four, we wear our named, broad brimmed, navy blue hat at all times when outside.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.





It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources www.education.vic.gov.au/protect





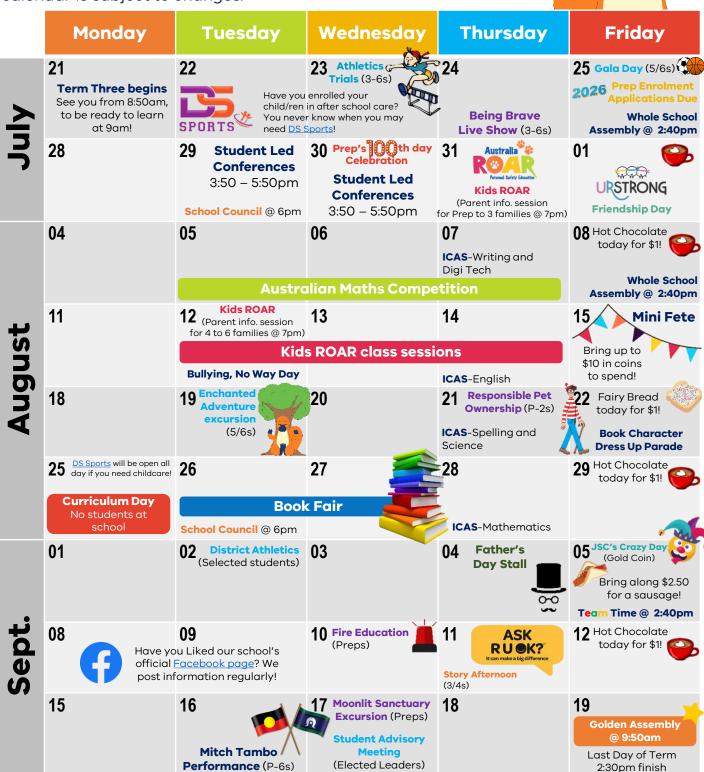






Term 3 2025

Keep this handy calendar on your fridge for upcoming events at school. Check XUNO, visit <u>our website</u>, or follow our <u>Facebook page</u> as this calendar is subject to changes.





We are proud to acknowledge the Bunurong People as the traditional custodians of the land on which Wooranna Park Primary School is located. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.







CCS approved 90% off*



WEEK 1

SEP 22 ALL STARS DAY

\$97" - \$9.70"



Full on sports day. What sports are you going to star



We are hosting the biggest event yet! 10 + Rides, Show Bag per participant, Garnes Face Painting, Prizes & Much more. This day is not to be missed! Event held at Toomuc Reserve - Pakantiam



SEP 24 ROLL THE DICE

\$97" - \$9.70"



What is it going to land on? You need to attend to find out! Games, Sports, Activities, Prizes you name it! It's going to be EPIC



GRAND FINAL DAY

\$97" - \$9.70"



Kicking goals, taking marks, its footy all day. Make sure you wear your footy colours!



CLOSED



NERF WARS & OUTDOOR



The battle of all battles will heat up. Nerf wars, and outdoor sports in the lovely spring weather.



DGEBALL & REPTILE



Reptile Encounters brings the best of Australia's native wildlife to YOU with purposeful impactful shows. Experie and recoverest with nature through a interactive, educational experience



NBA & MASTER CHEF \$97" - \$9.70"

Cooking up a feast! Are you prepared to eat yummy food? Fan favourite NBA day. Mixed in with other fun games & sports.



INFLATABLE WORLD



Fun in a safe, active space. For an out of this world experience as you bounce, climb, dive, slide and jump into Australia's largest Indoor Inflatable Playgrounds



NINTENDO WII SPORTS

\$115" - \$11.50"



We are going old school. Nintendo sports day with Mario Carts, Wii Sports all ready to be battled.

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFO





VENUE DAYS

During our venue days, you are welcome to drop off your child at anytime throughout our opening hours. This Vacation Care all three venues will be open from 7 am until 5 pm. If there are any special events on during a venue day, these will be communicated with you via email prior to the day. Our dedicated coaches work hard to ensure a fun and engaging program is planned for these days with a range of sports, craft, cooking activities planned and so much more!

EXCURSION DAYS

During an excursion day, the times where we leave the venue via bus may change. These times will be communicated to all parents via **email** a week prior to the week the excursion falls on. If you're ever unsure on the time please reach out to your service coordinator or our admin team.



CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations are only permitted 1 week prior to the beginning of vacation care. To have a cancellation and not be charged for the booking ensure you contact us at least 1 week before vacation care

CHANGES

If you wish to modify any bookings this is the same as cancelling. You will need to notify us at least 2 weeks before the start of vacation care in order for us to change your booking date.

REFUNDS

Unfortunately we are not able to issue any refunds if you attempt to cancel within 2 weeks of vacation care starting. This is due to having resources, staff and transportation secured based off your booking.

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY



Before attending our Vacation Care program you will need to ensure you have your CCS active through Centrelink. If you attend without CCS, you will be required to pay full fees for your bookings with DS Sports. If you have any questions please reach out to our admin team. For more information regarding CCS please go to Centrelink online to apply for the Childcare Subsidy.

WHAT TO WEAR?

We ask that children wear comfortable, closed toe shoes and weather appropriate clothing for the day.

WHAT TO BRING?

Children need to bring a Backpack with lunch, morning tea, water bottle and a hat. In the case of a water activity day, a change of clothes, towel and a plastic bag for the wet clothes would be needed.

WHAT NOT TO BRING?

We ask that children do not bring the following items as DS Sports will not be responsible for any damage/loss of valuable belongings. We ask you do not pack phones, iPads, devices of any kind and pocket money for spending.

CHILDRENS SAFETY

All children will be provided with a bright orange vest fo excursion days to ensure DS Sports children are easily identifiable in the public.

DISCLAIMER

Excursions are subject to change due to weather or other unforseeen circumstances. Your service coordinator will notify you via email or text regarding changes.

MEDICAL INFO



MEDICAL PLANS

If you have a child attending our services with a medical condition we will require their medications alongside a completed action plan before your child can attend. All medication must be in original packaging, labelled clearly with your child's name, dosage and expiry date. Additionally, parents must complete a medication consent form at the centre when dropping your child off. Please speak to your service coordinator who will be able to assist you with this.

FEE STRUCTURE



When enrolling with DS Sports you will need to set-up Direct Debits to ensure smooth payment of fees. Your fees get direct debited on the **Thursday** of each week for that week of care. Please ensure funds are available for the direct debits so it doesn't affect your future bookings. If you miss a payment, please make sure to contact us or make a payment on the Xplor Home App.

SIGN UP TO YOUR VENUE















WONTHAGGI 41 Wentworth Rd

PHILLIP ISLAND 10-14 Church Street

OFFICER Officer - 2 Parket St **ENDEAVOUR HILLS**

DROUIN E'Hills - 104 Reema Blvd Drouin - 52 Main Sth Rd

Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet



Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

Illegal.



MOTORBIKES

- To ride an or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- · Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



For more information, visit police.vic.gov.au/road-safety