

Children and Young People

Very Special Kids

321 Glenferrie Road, Malvern 3144

Phone: 9804 6222

Web: www.vsk.org.au

Email: mail@vsk.org.au

For families with a child who has a life-threatening illness. Provides a range of flexible programs including counselling, a sibling support program, trained volunteer program, bereavement support program, newsletters, holiday accommodation, social activities, respite, and end-of-life care at Very Special Kids House, Australia's first children's hospice.

Vision Australia - Early Childhood & Education Services

252 Dorset Rd, Boronia 3155 PO Box 189, Boronia 3155

Phone: 9760 0000 or 1300 847 466 and ask for Boronia

Web: www.visionaustralia.org

Email: info@visionaustralia.org.au

Early childhood services for children (aged 0-6 years) with vision impairment and their families. Provides training and resources for families to help children who are blind or vision impaired to increase their choices and reach their full potential in life.

Aims to facilitate each child's development, access to education and independence, from birth to school leaving age.

Specialist staff work with children and their families to develop programs that are tailored to individual needs in a sensitive and timely manner - whether the child was born with a vision impairment or their sight was affected later in life.

Education

Aurora School

96 Holland Road, Blackburn South 3130 PO Box 249, Blackburn South 3130

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TTY: 8878 9899

Fax: 8878 9800

Web: www.auroraschool.vic.edu.au

Email: aurora.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

A government school specialising in Early Intervention and Early Education programs for deaf children and deafblind children. Provides three specialty programs: Early Intervention, Early Education and Deafblind Education.

Early Intervention Program - aims to provide parents with the support, knowledge and skills they need to promote their children's development, especially their communication and language development, during the early years.

Early Education Program - specialises in education programs for young deaf children from three years of age. There is a strong emphasis on the development of communication skills (listening, speaking, signing, reading and writing) and effective use of both expressive and receptive language.

Deafblind Education Program - offers specialised education for students aged three to 18 years, who have visual and hearing impairments and communication difficulties.

Croydon Special Developmental School

69-95 Belmont Road, East Croydon 3136

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Web: www.croydonsds.vic.edu.au

Email: croydon.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au

Provides education programs for children aged four years-eight months to 18 years, who have a moderate to profound intellectual disability, and for children with multiple disabilities, including autism. The school is divided into two sections – junior and senior.

Students who live in the designated zone of Croydon, Bayswater, Boronia, Ferntree Gully, Kilsyth, Mooroolbark, Wonga Park, Donvale, Ringwood, Heathmont, Mitcham, Knoxfield and Wantirna are offered free daily door-to-door, chaperoned bus transport.

The school strongly supports the belief that learning is enhanced in a supportive, calm and stable environment which acknowledges and values the uniqueness of each learner. Each student at Croydon SDS has an individual educational program designed to meet specific needs as identified by a multi-disciplinary team, in consultation with parents/care-givers. The school is committed to a cooperative partnership with parents.

Enquiries may be directed to the Principal at the school.

Education

Eastwood Primary School & Deaf Facility

Alexandra Road, East Ringwood 3135

Phone: 9870 6105

TTY: 9871 0399

Fax: 9870 3012

Web: www.eastwood.vic.edu.au

Email: eastwood.ps.deaf@edumail.vic.gov.au

Provides deaf and hearing impaired students with access to a primary school curriculum across all year levels from prep to year six.

Heatherwood School

370 Springvale Road, Donvale 3111

Phone: 9842 8319

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Web: www.heatherwood.vic.edu.au

Email: heatherwood.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

Heatherwood is a school for secondary aged students with a mild intellectual disability. At Heatherwood, staff understand the unique concerns, challenges and hopes of students and their parents.

Swinburne University Disability Liaison Officers

369 Stud Road, Wantirna South 3152

Phone: 9210 1181

Web: www.swinburne.edu.au/stuserv/disability

Email: ldavey@swin.edu.au

For students of Swinburne TAFE or University who have learning difficulties, including intellectual disabilities. To assist students to access and fully participate in study, the Disability Liaison Officer meets with each student who requests assistance to determine support needs, and to clarify what information needs to be passed on to academic staff. The Disability Liaison Officer for Wantirna also covers the Croydon and Lilydale Campus.

Education

Vermont South Special School

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Vermont South Special School caters for the educational, social and emotional needs of children with a mild intellectual disability. Students are aged between five and 12 years. Small class sizes and trained Special Education teachers with exceptional skills and dedication to their role guarantee that children with mild intellectual disabilities are given the opportunity to benefit from alternative quality education.

Wantirna Heights School

Kingloch Parade, Wantirna 3152

Phone: 9720 7492

Fax: 9720 7945

Web: www.wantirnaheightsschool.vic.edu.au

Email: info@wantirnaheightsschool.vic.edu.au

For primary school-aged students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Provides educational programs specially for children with autism in their primary years.