

Vacation Care Program

4 January to 21 January

Bookings close:
Monday 13
December

Bookings made on
the BookMe section
of the HubHello
parent portal

**A school holiday
program for
children in
Prep to Grade 6**

Centre-based care: \$61 per day

Excursion days: \$72 per day

Opening hours 8am to 6pm

Springfield Pavilion – Springfield Avenue, Croydon

**please note: There will not be a program at Belmont Park for these school holidays*

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



Maroondah City Council



CityofMaroondah



maroondahcitycouncil



Maroondah City Council

Important information

Bookings

Bookings for the Vacation Care program are made through the BookMe section of the HubHello parent portal. Families must have an online enrolment at Springfield Vacation Care to access BookMe. Please contact the Vacation Care team on 9294 5723 if you need assistance accessing your HubHello parent portal.

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 clothing appropriate for the weather. In wetter months, please bring a waterproof coat, beanie, umbrella and gum boots. In warmer months, please dress children in 'sun smart' clothing, including covered shoulders.
- > Please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes for playing. No thongs or flip-flops.
- > Please label clothing and personal belongings with your child's name so that it can be easily identified.

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 5723 if you wish to book your child in for additional days of care.

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

Excursions may be affected by direction from the Victorian Government due to COVID-19 restrictions. If your child is booked in for an excursion and it is cancelled, you will be offered a refund or the opportunity to keep your child booked in for the in-house day and we will refund the cost difference.

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.

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.

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.

Vacation Care Program

4 January to 21 January 2022
A school holiday program for children in Prep to Grade 6

Monday 3 January

Public holiday

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

2022

Tuesday 4 January

IN-HOUSE

New year, new Springfield

Party

Today we are going to celebrate the new year and our new venue with music, games, prizes, and more!



Wednesday 5 January

EXCURSION

Flip Out

Departure time: 8.45am
Return time: 5pm

Challenge yourself at Flip Out - an amazing trampoline park that is jam-packed with fun!

If the weather permits, we'll explore the awesome playground at Box Hill Gardens.



Thursday 6 January

EXCURSION

Melbourne Zoo

Departure time: 9am
Return time: 5pm

Lions, and tigers, and bears - oh my!

Today we are off to Melbourne Zoo to see lots of animals!



Friday 7 January

INCURSION

The Greatest Showman

Dress up - circus

We're all joining the circus today! Come dressed in your best circus outfit and learn awesome circus tricks from the team at Supreme Incursions!



Monday 10 January

EXCURSION

Skaterz

Departure time: 8.45am
Return time: 5pm

Today we are going to Skaterz in Eltham for some awesome roller skating fun!

If the weather permits, we will stop to explore Hays Paddock in Kew East.



Tuesday 11 January

INCURSION

Howzat!

It is all about sports at Vacation Care today with lots of games and activities planned!

We are also having Fit for Kids out for a super fun cricket incursion.



Wednesday 12 January

EXCURSION

The Big Goose

Departure time: 9am
Return time: 5pm

Join us today for an awesome excursion to The Big Goose! Meet cool farmyard animals, ride the tractor, playing on the adventure watch sheep and reptile shows - and more!



Thursday 13 January

IN-HOUSE

Wheels Day

Let's ride

Bring your bike, scooter or skates and a helmet! We will also be visiting the skatepark at the X & Y space.

As there will be no sharing of helmets or equipment, you must bring your own if you want to ride.



Friday 14 January

EXCURSION

Friendship Ninjas

Departure time: 9am
Return time: 5pm

Do you have what it takes to be a Friendship Ninja?

Today we are heading to Eastland for a day of fun, games and friendology in the Friendship Ninja Zone!



Monday 17 January

EXCURSION

Disney: The Magic of Animation

Departure time: 9am
Return time: 5pm

Today we are off to ACMI to discover the creativity of Disney Animation at the Disney exhibition!

If the weather permits, we will stop to explore the playground at Birrarung Marr.



Tuesday 18 January

INCURSION

Destination Moon

What does it take to reach the moon?

Fizzics Education visit us to share with us all the amazing science that has helped humans explore space!



Wednesday 19 January

IN-HOUSE

Good vibes only

Water fight!

Today is all about summer and sun - and it is going to be so much fun!

Get ready for a water fight and bring a change of clothes because we are going to get wet!



Thursday 20 January

EXCURSION

Museum Alive

Departure time: 9am
Return time: 5pm

We're off to Melbourne Museum to see dinosaur skeletons, plus amazing insects, and artefacts! Then it's off to IMAX for a 3D movie about London's famous Natural History Museum and what happens when the exhibits run free!



Friday 21 January

INCURSION

Winter Olympics

Today we are hosting our very own Winter Olympics! Bring a change of clothes, because you may get wet.

Plus, we will have a visit from a real life Olympian!



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. On wetter days please bring a waterproof coat, beanie, umbrella and gum boots.
- **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.