

Enrolling in primary school for 2027

Foundation (also known as Prep) is the first year of primary school in Victoria.

Your child can start school if they turn 5 years old before 30 April 2027.
School is compulsory once your child turns 6 years old.

When can I apply?

Applications to enrol in a Victorian government primary school for 2027:

- Open from **Monday 20 April 2026**
- Are due by **Friday 31 July 2026**.

What are my child's enrolment rights?

In Victoria, your child has the right to attend their designated neighbourhood school (your 'local school') under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. Your local school is determined by the school zone for your permanent residential address. To learn more about how enrolment decisions are made, visit [Enrolling in school](#).

How do I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

Here's how to enrol your child in their first year of primary school:

1. Find your local school

Visit www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au to find your local government primary school or nearby schools.

2. Contact the school

Contact the primary school to book an optional tour. Confirm whether the school will be using the online (VicStudents) or paper-based enrolment process. This information will be available through the school's website.

3. Download an information pack

Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). The pack will be available by Thursday 2 April 2026.

4. Submit your enrolment application

Submit an enrolment application **by Friday 31 July 2026** either online (VicStudents) or using the paper form based on the school's process described on their website.

5. Receive an outcome

You will be notified of the outcome of your enrolment application **between Monday 3 August and Friday 14 August 2026**. If you receive an offer, you should accept the offer **by Friday 28 August 2026**.

6. Prepare for your child's transition to school

Take part in student transition sessions during Term 4, 2026. Your child will start Foundation from **Thursday 28 January 2027**.

How do I find my local school?

Find your local school on the [Find my School](#) website by following the steps below:

1. Enter www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au into your browser.
2. Enter your permanent residential address under 'Enter your address to get started'.
3. Select 2027 under 'Enrolment year'. **School zones for 2027** will be available **by Thursday 2 April 2026**.
4. Select Primary under 'School type'.

The map will then show your address, your local school, and on the left, the contact details for the school. If you scroll down, it will also show you the five closest schools to your address. You can also search by school name under 'Search for school'.



What if my enrolment application is unsuccessful?

If your application is not successful, you can:

- **Apply** to another school. Your child is guaranteed a place at their local school. Visit [Find my School](#) to locate your child's local school.
- Appeal the decision. The [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) page has information on the process to appeal an enrolment application outcome.

What happens if I miss the enrolment timeframes?

You can apply to enrol your child into Foundation for the 2027 school year at any time from **Monday 20 April 2026**.

While you are asked to submit an enrolment application **by Friday 31 July 2026**, late applications will still be accepted from families who may have missed the enrolment timeframe, moved permanent residence or have newly arrived to Victoria.

Enrolment applications **submitted after 31 July 2026** will be managed by the primary school **as they are received**, in accordance with the department's Enrolment Policy.

Where can I find further information on enrolling in primary school?

You can ask your local primary school for further information on the Foundation enrolment process.

From **Monday 20 April 2026** you can also find an information pack on the Foundation enrolment process on the [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) page.

If you require help translating the information pack, please talk to your local primary school for assistance.

Who do I contact for help?

The Transition Coordinator, Enrolment Officer or Principal of the primary school you want to apply to can help you with any questions you may have about the enrolment process.

Useful links

Please find some useful links below that may be helpful for you as your child starts primary school:

Find my School – findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Information on school zones – vic.gov.au/school-zones

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) – vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

Enrolling in school – vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol

Disability and inclusive education – vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education

Regional office contacts – vic.gov.au/office-locations-department-education

Timeline for 2027 Foundation (Prep) enrolments

2026 Dates	What do parents/carers need to do?
Term 1	Tuesday 27 January (students start 28 January) – Thursday 2 April 2026
Terms 1 and 2, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school tours organised by primary schools (<i>optional</i>).
By Thursday 2 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School zones for the 2027 school year are available. You can find your local school at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au.
Term 2	Monday 20 April – Friday 26 June 2026
From Monday 20 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the start of Term 2, complete and submit your child’s application – either online or using the Application Form in the Enrolment Information Pack, depending on what your school advises. You can download the Enrolment Information Pack from Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for more details.
Term 3	Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September 2026
By Friday 31 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit your completed application to the primary school by this date.
Between Monday 3 August and Friday 14 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary schools will notify you in writing of enrolment outcomes during this period. If your application is not successful, you may lodge an appeal with the primary school.
By Friday 28 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm acceptance of your child’s place by completing the Enrolment Form provided with the enrolment offer. If you intend to appeal, submit a written appeal to your primary school by Friday 28 August.
By Friday 11 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary schools will notify you in writing of appeal outcomes.
By Friday 18 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have unsuccessfully appealed to your primary school, you may submit a written appeal to the relevant Regional Director.
Term 4	Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December 2026
Term 4, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend transition sessions hosted by primary schools.
By Friday 6 November 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have lodged an appeal with the Regional Director, the region will notify you in writing of the outcome by this date. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Friday 18 September.



Ready to start primary school?

Now that your child is turning 5, it's time to think about enrolling them in primary school. The first year of primary school is called Foundation (Prep). Children can start Foundation if they turn 5 years old by 30 April in the year they begin school. School is compulsory for children who are 6 years old.

How to enrol in a Victorian government primary school

Before you apply

- Work out what year your child can start school based on their age
- Find schools and your school zone at findmyschool.vic.gov.au
- Contact primary schools from Term 1 to book a tour (optional).

How to apply

- Foundation (Prep) applications open from the start of Term 2
- Submit your application form by the last Friday in July
- The school will contact you with an outcome in the first 2 weeks of August.



Learn more at
vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

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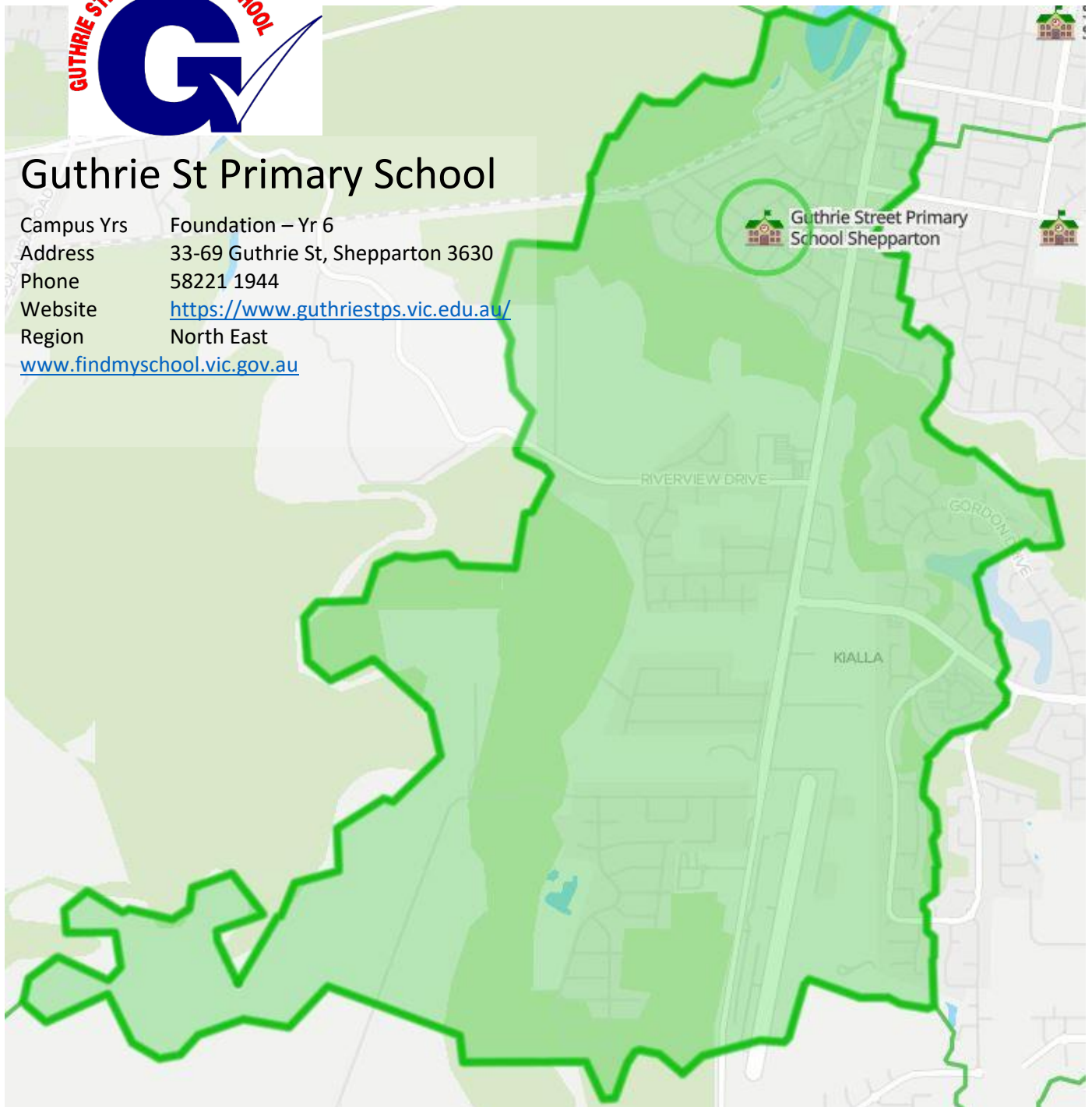
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GUTHRIE ST PRIMARY SCHOOL DESIGNATED ZONE



Guthrie St Primary School

Campus Yrs Foundation – Yr 6
Address 33-69 Guthrie St, Shepparton 3630
Phone 58221 1944
Website <https://www.guthriestps.vic.edu.au/>
Region North East
www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au



Proof of Residence must be provided.

The following documents will be acceptable depending on:

- Own home - Utility account, ie phone, electricity, gas
- Recent purchase of new home – Letter/Contract from Real Estate Agent
- Renting – 12 month lease agreement

If the zone line intersects the block of land containing your residence, then you have a right to attend either school.



Guthrie Street Primary School Enrolment Policy

BACKGROUND

Guthrie Street Primary School has long been the school of choice for Shepparton families. A steady increase in enrolment numbers between 2000 and 2010 led to the Department of Education and Training placing an enrolment ceiling of 500 students on our school. This decision was made following a site analysis that compared the building to free space ratio for the school and, also took into account that the school was bordered by four roads and was unable to increase its land size. In 2011 School Council supported the introduction of an enrolment ceiling as it ensured that:

- students had an appropriate sized play-space to engage in and enjoy
- teachers had the opportunity to form relationships with students both in their classroom and across the school.
- Principal Class and Student Learning Coordinators had a personalised understanding of the learning needs of each individual student.
- students knew not only the faces but the names of all those who walk through the Guthrie Street school gates.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The Principal of Guthrie Street Primary School has been directed to manage all future enrolments using the following priority order:

- All students who reside within our designated neighbourhood will be provided with a place at our school upon proof of residence* (map attached) or please go to: <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>
- Any child living outside the designated neighbourhood whose residential address is closer in distance (by road) to Guthrie Street Primary School than any other Government Primary School will be provided with a place at the school. Hence, these boundaries are always subject to review because of changing demographics. Any prospective enrolments who reside outside the DNB can be accepted from the start of Term 3, ie. mid July.
- All prospective students with a sibling attending Guthrie Street currently, and of the same residential address, will be provided with a place at the school.
- If additional places are available, they will be offered in order of closeness from the student's home to Guthrie Street.
- It is acknowledged that in exceptional circumstances students may be enrolled on compassionate grounds and/or an alternative school may be appropriate, if Guthrie Street Primary School is not your designated neighbourhood school please contact The Principal.
- Returning ex-Guthrie Street students must reside in the zone.

***Note: For an enrolment to be processed families must present proof of home ownership, a 12 month lease agreement or other relevant documents that offer proof of residence.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Kinder to Foundation enrolments will open in May each year.
- Enrolment for families moving into our designated neighbourhood from outside Shepparton can occur during the school year.
- Enrolment for families who are currently enrolled at another local Shepparton school can occur at the start of term 1 or term 3 only (as per Shepparton Schools Agreement).
- The parent/guardian and the child will be interviewed by a Principal Class member prior to enrolment to ascertain an appropriate year level and learning program.
- The enrolment procedures of the school will take account of all requirements of laws relating to discrimination, equal opportunity, privacy and immunisation.
- It will be an inclusive school and it will provide programs for all enrollees. A Disability and Impairment Program will cater for students who have special learning needs.
- International students will be enrolled in a manner consistent with the guidelines for enrolment of international students of the Department of Education and Training.
- As a school within the Victorian public school sector, our school will comply with all government and department enrolment requirements.

THIS POLICY WAS RATIFIED by SCHOOL COUNCIL April 2022



SHEPPARTON DEAF FACILITY

Deaf Education Program

Supporting Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

The Shepparton Deaf Facility based at Guthrie Street Primary School, was established in 1995 to provide for Deaf and hard of hearing children who require 'Intensive Language Support'.

The Facility supports the development of both sign and oral communication modes. Auslan interpreting and speech and listening are integral parts of our bilingual philosophy. Each student has an Individual Learning Plan [ILP] with specific goals based around the Victorian Curriculum and Deaf Facility Curriculum goals.

HOW DO WE SUPPORT DEAF STUDENTS?

Students who are Deaf work alongside hearing children of the same age. Students are supported to maintain Deaf and hearing friends. They participate in the same range of activities, subjects and curriculum areas as all other children. Children are also withdrawn to Facility rooms for intensive language, speech, Deaf Studies and English Through Auslan activities. Students also are withdrawn into the Deaf Facility to provide classroom curriculum support and extension.

Our Facility programming and support is based on a Bi-Lingual/Bi-Cultural educational philosophy. This philosophy advocates two languages (Auslan and English) and two cultures (Deaf and Hearing). To support this approach Languages, Auslan / Deaf Studies is part of the curriculum for all students at Guthrie Street Primary School. Developing two languages allows students to choose the language that best meets their needs in various contexts, allowing them full inclusion at all times.

SCHOOL BASED SUPPORT IS PROVIDED BY:

- Teachers of the Deaf working in partnership with classroom teachers
- Interpreters whose responsibility it is to facilitate language between Deaf students and teachers, and Deaf students and hearing students by translating all classroom language into Auslan and English.
- Deaf Role Models who support the Languages- Auslan program and work with Deaf children modeling Deaf culture and language, supporting educational progress.

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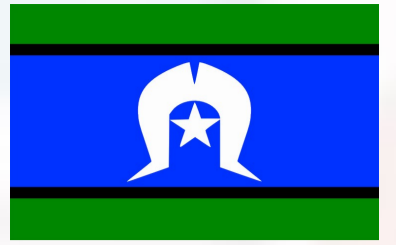
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Our Location
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Koorie Engagement Support Officer

Information for Families



The KESO program will provide support in improving your child's educational outcomes. We can support you by:

- Providing schools/EYS with information about resources and training available to support cultural inclusion and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in the curriculum.
- Collaboration with schools to develop and implement action plans to increase whole of school approaches to strengthening cultural inclusion.
- Supporting relationships being made between schools/EYS with Traditional Owner Groups, Services, Community members etc.
- Supporting schools/EYS, families and students at meetings to discuss issues such as attendance and engagement, behaviour, or to review any relevant plans or current progress etc.
- Sharing information with students, families or schools about services (not always specifically related to education e.g. health services) or opportunities (e.g. camps, holiday programs, scholarships etc).
- Promoting and supporting transition and pathways e.g. EYS to primary school, primary school to secondary school or opportunities to higher education, training or employment.

KESO ROLE

Attendance

Our focus is to facilitate links with students, parents and school staff to build positive working relationships for a collaborative partnership. We also facilitate links to programs and services in the community as needed.

Engagement

As our title suggests engagement is the key for the KESO role. We work to facilitate links between schools, Early years centres, families and community. We provide advice on strategies to improve engagement and to facilitate links to community resources.

Early Years

Increase and enhance the participation of Koorie children in 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten. Promote the values of kindergarten programs within Koorie Families and communities. Promote Cultural awareness and provide access to resources for all kindergarten programs.

Cultural Inclusion

Includes giving advice to teachers in Early Years centres, primary and secondary schools about strategies to suit the needs of their community. We facilitate links to families to encourage their input and participation including sharing their culture. It is important to have an appreciation of Cultural differences and similarities. We will assist teachers and schools in building their relationships and developing inclusive curriculum for all children to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Ensuring all students have a Individual Education Plan that is developed between parents, teachers and students. This will support improving educational outcomes for our young people as they take their journey along their learning pathway.

Pathways & Transition

We can support the development of a Koorie Careers Action Plan, created in partnership with the student, their parent or caregiver, and a KESO. This plan should align with the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Additionally, we can assist with discussions around key transition points, including the move from kindergarten to foundation and from primary to secondary school.

Disability Inclusion

To provide information and support families and schools to access supports for students with a disability to ensure they can participate and achieve their full potential at school and in life.

Marrung - Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026

A strategy to ensure that all Koorie Victorians achieve their learning aspirations and realise the full benefits of the Education State reforms across early childhood, schools and further education.



If you would like to speak with a member of the Koorie Engagement Team please contact:

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ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PLAN 2016 - 2026



GUTHRIE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL





PARENT TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS

HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL NEWS

The School Newsletter 'Gazette' is available fortnightly on a Thursday.

You will be notified through email and a COMPASS push notification.

You can access the Gazette online through

- COMPASS PARENT PORTAL ☑
- GSPS Website - www.guthriestps.vic.edu.au



USING OUR COMPASS PARENT PORTAL YOU WILL BE ABLE TO

Access your child's Student Semester Reports

- Book Foundation Students Assessment appointments
- Book your Parent/Teacher Interviews
- View up-to-date attendance information
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your son/daughter
- Update your registered email and mobile number (used for SMS alerts) details
- Download, print and approve upcoming excursions
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news

DOWNLOAD THE COMPASS APP

Troubleshooting: if you cannot login for the first time on iphone, try your computer, laptop or ipad first.

Your username and password is issued upon your child's enrolment.

If you need a new password please contact the school office in person or phone 58211944.



PARENT TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS

DOWNLOAD THE SEESAW APP

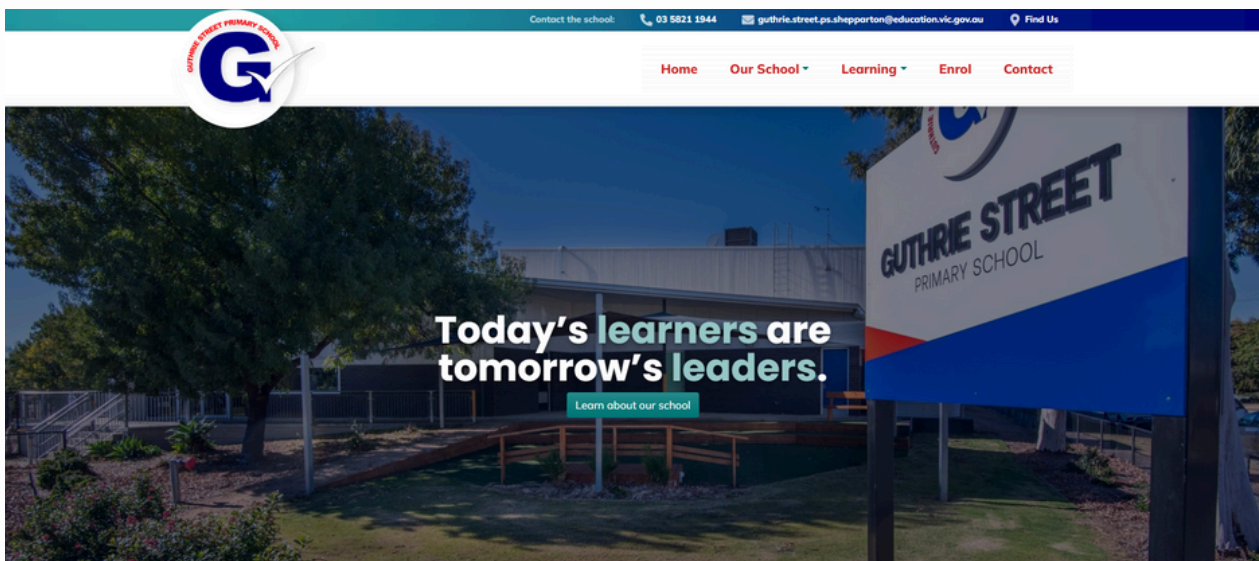
Seesaw is a great communication tool between teachers, parents and students.

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Seesaw



DOWNLOAD THE QKR APP

Download the Qkr! app to order your child's lunch order, purchase a school beanie and other items or events that are advertised over the year.

OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION

GSPS Website | Facebook | Instagram





**GUTHRIE STREET
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Parent Helpers at Guthrie Street Primary School

Parents can be involved in the following events throughout the year:

- **School Council**
- **Parents Association**
- **Reading in class**
- **Working Bees**
- **Weekend Sports**
- **Christmas BBQ**
- **School Sports Days**
- **Bunnings BBQ fundraisers**
- **Fete**
- **Fun Run**
- **School Excursions**
- **Attending Assemblies**
- **Mother's Day / Father's Day stall**
- **School Camps**

All volunteers must have a valid Working with Children's Check for any interactions with students.

Children whose parents volunteer at school often create a sense of belonging and connectedness that is conducive to positive behaviours, effective engagement and higher self-esteem



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Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$83.86	\$8.39
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$77.88	\$7.79

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy | ** Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy | *** Standard fee costs excluding incursions/excursions

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program within **5 days** of session start time: **\$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program: book less than **5 days** from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

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