

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Reminders

We have a couple of breaks during the term with a **Pupil Free Day on Monday 25th May**, and the King's Birthday (Monday 8/6)

Athletics Carnival

What a fantastic day our students had yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Mason who put countless hours into the preparation before changing the date to avoid the horrible weather and booking in a magnificent day. Thank you to all the staff who committed to their events and ensuring our students had a safe and fantastic day.

Goings on at New Gisborne

Our Foundation students celebrated Wacky Wednesday in style with wacky hair and outfits to match. Our classrooms were also a bit wacky and our students coped with the fun and frivolity. Year 1 students have their Toys Over Time incursion today. Year 2's are hatching chickens. Year 4's have their Western Water incursion next Tuesday and a select group of Year 5/6's are off to District soccer tomorrow.

We also have the PA Book Fair in the multi purpose room starting next Wednesday, so pop in and check it out.

2027 Foundation Enrolments

Enrolment forms are now available to download from the Department of Education website, our school website or collect at the office.

2027 Foundation School Tours run on Monday mornings at 10am, by appointment only. They are led by our student leaders. Foundation School Tour bookings can be made via TryBooking. Information and booking details have been posted on the our website: [newgisps](https://www.newgisps.co.nz)

Uniform

Just a reminder that as the weather starts to get colder, please ensure that you have clearly labelled everything that your child is bringing to school. We end up with a large amount of lost property and do our best to get it back into the right hands. Students are allowed to wear a coat on cold days but this cannot take the place of their school jumper.

Can you please take a moment to ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform as they walk out the door this week.

Shane West
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

May

11th-22nd	Yr 2 Henny Penny Hatching Incursion
15th	District Soccer Kitchen Garden 4A & 4B
18th-22nd	Indonesian Incursion
19th	Yr 4 Western Water Incursion
20th-22nd	PA Book Fair
22nd	Kitchen Garden 4C & 4A
25th	Curriculum Day–Pupil Free

June

2nd	Yr 5 Parliament Online Incursion
5th	Foundation Fox in Socks Day Yr 4 Sustainability Incursion
8th	King's Birthday Public Holiday–Pupil Free
11th	Soiree
12th	Parents' Association Meeting 9am (Staffroom)
15th	District Netball
16th	School Council Meeting 7pm (Staffroom)
19th	Reports Live on Compass School Disco 5:30pm (Gym)
24th	Early Dismissal 12:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm-7pm
26th	Last Day of Term 2:30pm Early Dismissal

PE/Sport

District Football

Girls Team

On Tuesday 5th of May, the girls' footy team went to Braemar to compete against other schools. When we first arrived, it was a bit cold, but we pushed through it. We played against Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Braemar, Holy Cross, St Brigid's, and Macedon. Overall, we won four out of our six games.

We had 14 players on the team, with 9 players on the field at a time while 5 rotated off. Everyone played hard and showed great teamwork throughout the day. Many parents came to support and spectate while we all cheered on NGPS. There were many ups and downs during the games, and everyone showed resilience by pushing through the unpredictable weather.

By the end of the day, we were all tired but proud of how we finished, and we especially enjoyed sharing the large 'fruit salad' (lollies) that everyone contributed to throughout the day.

Thank you to Mrs Cullinger for taking us on the day and thank you to everyone who came down to support us.

By Eloise and Paisley



Boys Team

Last Tuesday, the AFL 9s team went to Braemar to compete in six exhausting games of footy. To start off, we had two byes in a row, so we were on fresh legs for our first game against Braemar. We started strongly, with momentum on our side, but in the second half they came back, winning by 8 points. We were disappointed, but we kept our heads held high for our next game against Willowbank.

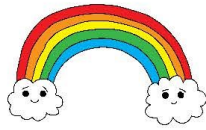
We started off firing against Willowbank, and the score was on our side. We came away with a strong win, excited for our next game against Riddell's Creek. The tension was high, and we led by a goal at half time. Unfortunately, we lost by 2 points, but the scoreboard didn't matter. Our great skills and teamwork excited us for our next game against Gisborne. Our next game was against Gisborne Primary, and one player outshined everyone. Mitchell had a terrific game and ended up with five goals on the board for Gisborne. We finished as the better side, winning by 54 points. Holy Cross were our next competitors and were looking like the best team in the competition. They played extremely well against us, but we put up a good fight. Unfortunately, we couldn't come away with the win.

Next up, we played Macedon. They were a strong team, but we came away with a win by 34 hard-earned points. To finish the day off, we matched up against St Bridget's. We had a strong game, and Dan led our team to victory by kicking three goals. We won by 41 points and unfortunately just missed out on the final.

Thanks to Mr Broadbent for taking us on the day and thank you to all the volunteers who came along to help out.

By Jed and Jaxon

Wellbeing



This Photo by Un-

Wellbeing at NGPS Term 2 week 4

At school

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

A tattoo will be sent home with your child the night before if you wish to apply it before they walk to school in the morning.

Gisborne Police will be joining us and will walk with students from Ross Watt Reserve.

Teachers will be supervising students crossing Chessy Park Drive.



At home

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Helpful resources for families

<https://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/>



Kerry Morris
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Leader



Active Kids are Healthy Kids

Stronger Together

Community Safety & Support Expo

**Macedon
Ranges
Health**
supported by **benetas**

When: Wednesday 27th May 2026, 10am - 1pm

Where: Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

For more information:

✉ kristen.holding@benetas.com.au

☎ 03 5428 0300

Free community event

Learn about support available for issues that can impact safety and wellbeing, including: family violence, financial stress, alcohol & other drugs, and relationship challenges

What's on

- Information stalls from local services
- Ask questions in a relaxed, welcoming space
- Private room available for sensitive conversations
- Free coffee van

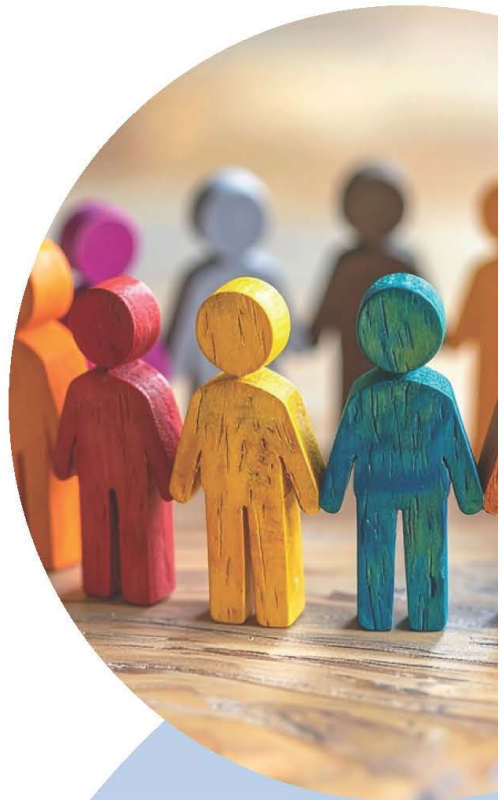
Why come?

- Understand the signs of family violence and related harms
- Learn how to support someone you care about
- Find out what help is available locally
- Connect with services in a safe, low-pressure environment

Everyone welcome

Parents • Families • Young people • Community members • Professionals

"Building stronger communities together"



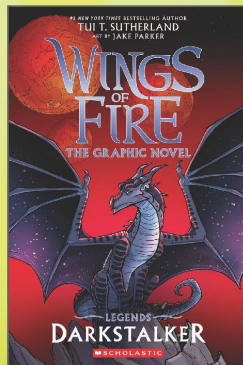
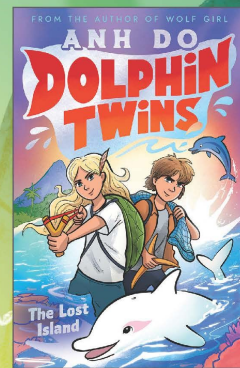
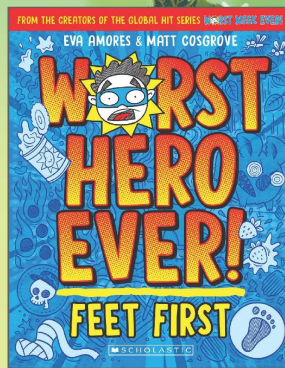
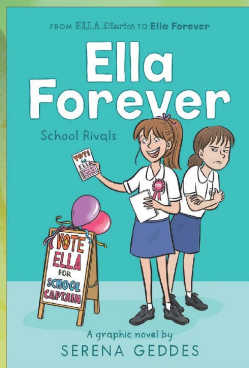
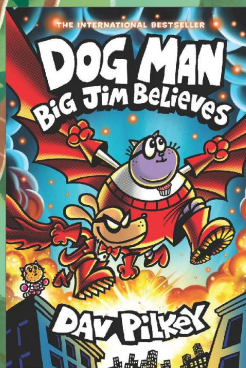
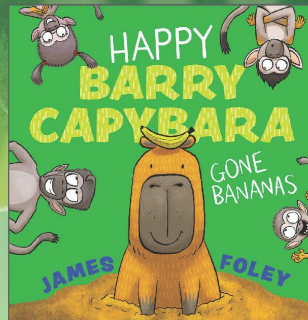
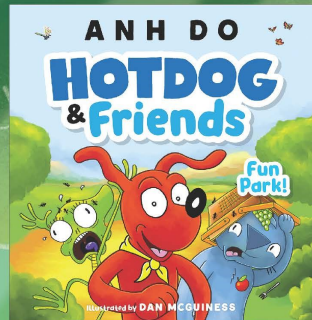
PA- Scholastic Book Fair

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

THE #1 BOOK FAIR



Find these
books and
much more
at the Fair!



Date 20th - 22nd May
Place Multipurpose Room

Time 8:15am - 9:00am &
3:00pm - 4:00pm

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

 **SCHOLASTIC**



NS 51089 2024

PA– Scholastic Book Fair Competition

New Gisborne Primary School Parents Association Presents

Design Your Own Book Cover!

Create a book cover and go into the draw to win a \$20 voucher to spend at the Book Fair



3 prize winners
Grades Prep - 1
Grades 2 - 4
Grades 5-6

Competition closes at end of school 19th May

Winners will be Announced 20th May

Vouches can be collected at the Book Fair

Good Luck!



PA- Scholastic Book Fair Competition



Fun
activities

Design your own book cover!

If you have written a story, you'll need to illustrate a book cover for it. Don't forget that you'll need a book title and the author's name!

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for students to draw their own book cover design.

Dear Teacher, you could organise a 'Design a book cover' exhibition. Choose a place near your Book Fair and put your pupils' masterpieces on display. Parents will love to see them!

NGPS CANTEEN MENU

RECESS SALES

- PIRAHNA VEGE CRACKERS - \$1.50
 - BBQ & CHEESE
 - SALT & VINEGAR
 - HONEY SOY
- CALIPPO MINI RASPBERRY & PINEAPPLE - 1.50
- CALIPPO LEMON - \$2.50
- CYCLONE PEACH, PINEAPPLE & BLUEBERRY - \$2.50
- ICY TWIST - \$1.50
- CHOCOLATE PADDLE POP - \$2.00
- RAINBOW PADDLE POP - \$2.00
- TWISTER SOUR MONSTAH - \$3.00
- TWISTED FROZEN YOGHURT - \$2.00
 - MANGO & WATERMELON
 - CHOCOLATE & VANILLA
 - CHOCOLATE & BANANA
 - STRAWBERRY & VANILLA
 - CARAMEL & VANILLA
- FROZEN PINEAPPLE RING - \$0.50
- QUELCH ICY TUBES - \$0.50

LUNCH ORDER ITEMS - ORDER THROUGH QKR

HOT FOOD

- MEAT PIE - \$4.50
- POTATO TOP PIE - \$4.70
- PARTY PIE (2) - \$2.50
- SAUSAGE ROLL - \$4.20
- VEGGIE PASTIE - \$4.40
- HOT DOG - \$3.00
- STEAMED DIM SIM - \$1.00
- CHICKEN CRACKLES (5) - \$4.00
- CHICKEN NOODLES - \$3.00
- BEEF NOODLES - \$3.00
- MARGHERITA PIZZA - \$4.00
- HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA - \$4.50
- MAC & CHEESE - \$4.50
- LASAGNA - \$4.50
- TWISTA PASTA - \$4.50
- GF VEGETARIAN FRIED RICE - \$4.50
- GF MAC & CHEESE - \$5.00
- GF BEEF PIE - \$5.00 **NEW**
- GF SAUSAGE ROLL - \$4.70 **NEW**
- GF BUTTER CHICKEN - \$5.50 **NEW**

DRINKS & SNACKS

- JUICE - \$2.00
 - APPLE
 - APPLE & BLACKCURRANT
 - ORANGE
- FLAVOURED MILK - \$2.30
 - STRAWBERRY
 - CHOCOLATE
- PIRAHNA VEGE CRACKERS - \$1.50
 - BBQ & CHEESE
 - SALT & VINEGAR
 - HONEY SOY

**NEW GLUTEN FREE ITEMS
WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!
KEEP AN EYE ON QKR FOR
AVAILABILITY!!**

**PLEASE NOTE, SOME STOCK
LEVELS MAY FLUCTUATE EACH
WEEK**

Energy Breakthrough



NGPS will once again be participating in this year's Energy Breakthrough competition held in Maryborough from Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd of November 2026.

Briefly

The Energy Breakthrough Challenge is a three-day event held in Maryborough in November each year. Each team comprises of up to 10 members of equal gender.

New Gisborne will participate in the Tryathon event in 2026. Students will maintain and race a recumbent tricycle throughout an obstacle course, sprint race and 8-hour endurance event. Students are also required to present their learning to a panel of judges in a 30-minute presentation.

Teams will meet during school lunches to train and rehearse their play. Interested parents and students are invited to visit <https://www.eb.org.au/> website.

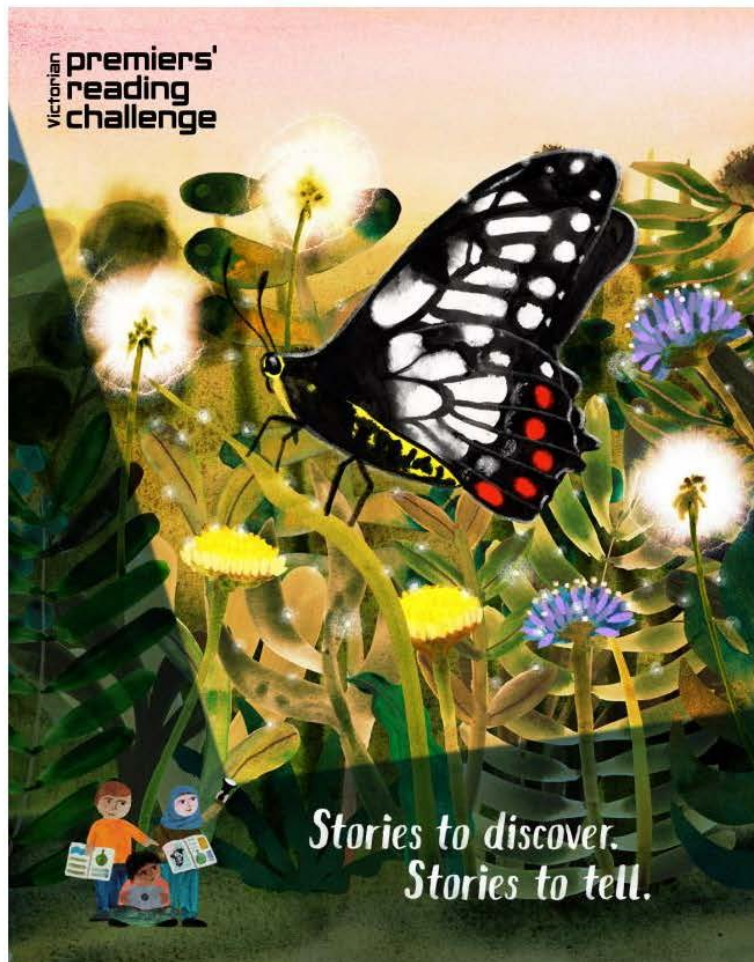
An information evening for interested families will be held on Tuesday 28th April from 6.00pm in the staffroom.

If you have any further questions regarding the event, please contact the event coordinator Mr Ray Bell – ray.bell@education.vic.gov.au



Premiers' Reading Challenge

2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge



To register, visit
vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the
Premier with the support of former premiers.



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Dear Families,

Please keep a look out for your child's username and password for the 2026 Premiers' Reading Challenge. It would be a great idea to take a photo of these details just in case they get lost!

As in the past, students in Years F-2 will need to read 30 books and students in Years 3-6, 15 books, to complete the challenge.

Further information can be found at: [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Challenge ends **4th September**



Community



GSC Grade 6 After-School Program

Gisborne Secondary College is pleased to invite Grade 6 students to participate in an after-school enrichment program featuring activities in Textiles, Art, Science, Music, Media and History. The program is designed to give students the opportunity to explore a range of high school subjects in a fun and hands-on environment.

Students may choose to attend one or both sessions. In each session, students will participate in two 45-minute activities, with a 15-minute catered break provided between activities.

The sessions will be led by our Senior School student leaders, providing students with the opportunity to connect with both GSC staff and student mentors. There is no cost for students to participate.

Session Times:

Tuesday 26 May **4:00 – 5:45 pm**

Tuesday 2 June **4:00 – 5:45 pm**

Venue:

Gisborne Secondary College, Year 7 Learning Centre

Registrations close 12 pm, Thursday 21 May

Please note that places are limited to ensure students receive individual support and can safely participate in all practical activities.

Any queries:

Simone Moore

Junior School Programs and Curriculum Leader

simone.moore@education.vic.gov.au

To register:

<https://forms.gle/uZz71PKzHcwXaPAb9>

Confirmation of your child's successful registration for the program will be emailed by Friday 22 May.

ACTIVITIES

Textiles: Students will use a variety of stencils and coloured paints to create a block-printed design on fabric.

Art: Students will create collages using magazine images to develop their creativity and explore how visual elements can be organised to communicate ideas.

Science: Students will take part in a variety of hands-on scientific experiments.

Music: Students will have the opportunity to explore a range of selected instruments and discover new interests in music.

Media: Students will learn the basics of camera use and camera angles before applying their skills to capture a short sequence of photographs.

History: Students will take part in a Jeopardy-style quiz activity exploring a range of historical topics and events.

Community



Kindergarten Tours

Come and see our council kindergartens

- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Lancefield Children's Centre
- Romsey Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten and more...

Scan QR code for tour dates and times



May 25 - 29 2026
No bookings required!

Kyneton, register for kindergarten by 31 May for 2027!



Register in 2 minutes for free

To be included in first round offers for 2027

We're accepting registrations for 15 kindergartens including:

- Kyneton Community House
- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Bug-a-Lugs Kyneton
- Embracia Childcare and Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten

and many more kindergartens in the shire.

How to Register

Visit: mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-rego or scan the QR code.

Contact us: Kindergarten Enrolment Team on 03 5422 0239 or kinderenrolment@mrsc.vic.gov.au



**Register by
31 May
2026!**



Shaping Future Kinders

Help shape future kindergarten planning across the shire. Complete a quick survey or attend a drop-in session:

- Thursday 21 May, 11:30am-12:15pm at Romsey Library
- Monday 1 June, 10am-11:30am at Woodend Playgroup
- Tuesday 2 June, 10:30am-11:15am at Kyneton Library

Find out more:

yoursay.mrsc.vic.gov.au/kinder-principles



Parent-Child Mother Goose



Connect with your child through songs, rhymes and stories. Enhance your relationship with your children, develop positive emotional regulation skills and foundational language development. Sessions are free for families. Sessions are delivered during Victorian School Terms.

Who for: Parents, grandparents, carers and children under the age of 5 years old.

Where and when:

Gisborne Active 10:30am Monday at Manna Gum Family and Children's Centre

Free for families, registrations are necessary.

Registrations and referrals
email: tracey.thiele@omniach.org.au

Community



FAMILY FUN DAY

46th Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Steam Mini Rally

17th May 2026
Gates open from 9am to 3pm

Come and meet Matilda for her 100th birthday!

FREE ENTRY FOR EVERYONE!

- BBQ + Coffee + drinks
- Children's activities
- Miniature train rides \$4pp
- Hay baling demonstration
- Small farm engines
- Vintage motor bike
- Some other displays
- Large steam engines - Matilda the roller turns 100 this year
- Eftpos available
- Furphy water cart display

Be a part of the fun! we have plenty of activities and events on for all!

gisbornevmrs.com or facebook.com/gisbornevintagemachinerysociety
Webb CRT New Gisborne just off the freeway



AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

FOR PREP TO GRADE 6

ART CLUB FOR KIDS
Wednesdays 3.45pm - 5pm

ART CLUB

CREATIVE YOGA
Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

47 Forest Street, Woodend woodendnh.org.au reception@woodendnh.org.au 5427 1845



INVENTI ENSEMBLE
1001 NIGHTS!
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
10.00am Sunday 7th June 2026
St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

Step into a world of magic, adventure and mystery as Scheherazade begins her incredible tales from the 1001 Nights. Inveni Ensemble brings these famous stories to life with dazzling music by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arranged especially for their six instruments. From brave heroes and clever princesses to sea voyages and secret treasures, each piece of music opens the door to a new story.

In true Inveni style, the musicians mix exciting storytelling with brilliant live music, showing how their instruments can paint pictures and create characters. Alongside the famous music, you'll also hear three brand new pieces by Australian composers, written especially for the show. Full of colour, imagination and adventure, this concert invites children and families to discover the magical world of 1001 Nights.



For tickets and more information visit woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au




MAXINE BENEBA CLARKE
THE POWER OF PICTURE BOOKS AND POETRY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-12.
3.00pm Saturday 6th June 2026
St Ambrose Hall, Woodend

Maxine Beneba Clarke takes us through some of her beloved books for younger children, including the CBCA Honour Book and Boston Globe Horn Prize winning picture book *The Patchwork Bike*, her ode to local book stores *We Know a Place*, her fashion anthem for young people, *Fashionista*, and her poetry collections *It's the Sound of the Thing*; 100 new poems for young people, and *Stuff I'm (NOT) Sorry For*; 99 new poems for young people.

Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance using the ticketing system.



For tickets and more information visit woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au



Community

Water Safety in Schools – Staff and parents/carers are eligible for free swim teacher training

Free swim teacher training for parents and carers

The department of education is providing free swim teacher training for interested parents and carers from our school.

The course is fully funded and qualifies you to teach swimming with your local school, or Australia wide.

There are several things you will need to register for the training, including a current Working with Children Check. Please check the requirements when registering.

There are a range of locations and dates available. Places are limited, so [book your place today](#).

Information for teachers

Share the text below with your teachers to let them know about the training opportunity.

Free swim teacher training available

The department is providing free swim teacher training for interested teachers.

The course is fully funded and qualifies you to teach swimming at school, or Australia wide.

This optional course is designed especially for VIT registered teachers and only takes two days. There is no requirement to complete extra prac time.

This is a great opportunity to increase your skills.

There are a range of locations and dates available. Places are limited, so [book your place today](#).

Find out more

For more information, visit the [Swim Teacher Training website](#)

- For further enquiries, contact Geoff Adams, Statewide Swimming Coordinator, Targeted School Services Unit, Partnerships and Priority Cohorts Branch:
- **phone:** 03 4334 0523

email: school.swimming@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,
Nick Beckingsale

Executive Director
Statewide Programs and Tech Schools

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