

# Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions and Enrolment Questions



Fairfield  
Primary School

## General Questions about Fairfield Primary School

### What are the bell times?

Our school day runs from 9am – 3:30pm.

- **9 – 10:40am:** Class
- **10:30am:** Morning snack
- **10:40 – 11:10am:** Recess in playground
- **11:10am – 12:50pm:** Class
- **12:50 – 1pm:** Eat lunch in classroom
- **1 – 1:50pm:** Outside playtime in playground
- **1:50 – 3:30pm:** Class

### What is the grade structure across the school?

We have around 520 students across 25 classes. We have straight grades across the school.

### Do you have open plan classrooms?

We have a combination of both open plan and single classrooms across each year level throughout the school. The open plan classrooms include team teaching spaces, where there are two teachers and two classes that work alongside each other.

### Does the school assign homework?

No, teachers do not assign homework. Instead, we have a *Home Learning* approach, where optional tasks in the areas of writing and mathematics are offered for students to complete with their family, should they wish to do so. Home Learning Statements are provided to families each term. We also recommend that all students read at home daily.

### Does your school have a nurse?

Yes, we do. To ensure the provision of high-quality health care, a school nurse is available during lunch time. Our nurse ensures children are cared for and given first aid in a professional and consistent way.

### Do you run before and after school care, or vacation care?

Yes, OSHClub is our service provider for before school, after school and vacation care. OSHClub runs their program from the school's gym foyer. To attend OSHClub, children need to be enrolled before attending. Bookings are made via an online platform.

Click to find out more about [Fairfield OSHClub](#).

### Do you have a buddy program?

Yes, all Foundation students are partnered with a Year 4 or Year 5 buddy at the start of the year. A number of activities take place throughout the year where the buddies work together.

## Am I able to volunteer in my child's class?

We welcome and value parent volunteers at Fairfield Primary School. Parents may come in to hear children read, assist with the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP), attend school excursions and camps, help with making costumes and sets for school concerts, assist at sporting events, and so on. Our parent community is very active in helping organise school events such as our fair, Art4All art show and trivia nights.

To comply with the government mandated Child Safe Standards, all volunteers need a [Working With Children Check](#) card on file at the school. The check is free for volunteers and is valid for five years.

## Do you have any lunchtime clubs?

Yes, we offer a variety of clubs at lunchtime. Some of these are teacher-led and others are student-led. Clubs may change/evolve on a termly basis. Examples clubs include: knitting club, chess, library, board games, mindfulness, catch-up French, catch-up Art, student voice team, orchestra, choir, and eco club.

## What camps do you run?

Our camp program is run in Years 4, 5 & 6.

- Year 4: One-night camp at Mt Evelyn
- Year 5: Two-night camp at Anglesea
- Year 6: Four-night (Monday – Friday) to Camp Jungai, near Eildon

## Do you have a swimming program?

Yes, we offer a swimming program for all students in Foundation, Year 1 & 2. The swimming program is held across eight weeks in July/August at Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre. Lessons are held during the school day and are 45 minutes in duration. There is a cost to participate in the swimming program.

## Do you have a school canteen?

No, we do not. Instead we use a lunch order delivery service [Classroom Cuisine](#), to delivers lunch orders to students of a Wednesday. Parents are required to order and pay for lunches online.

## Do students have to wear a school uniform?

The school uniform for students at Fairfield Primary is based on bright primary colours — red and navy blue. *Art4All* t-shirts are considered part of the school uniform and for Year 6 students, graduation clothing is also recognised as part of the school uniform.

Wearing the school uniform is strongly recommended, however it is not compulsory. Most students wear a version of the uniform.

Hats are a compulsory part of our uniform from 1 September – 30 April. Hats need to be 'SunSmart' – bucket and broad brimmed hats are appropriate, while caps are not.

## Where can I get a school uniform?

[A Plus Schoolwear](#) supplies our uniforms. You can order online or visit the retail store located at 41/43 Northern Road, Heidelberg West, VIC, 3081. The school also sells gently used uniform pieces at \$2 per item and hats at \$10 each.

## Enrolment Related Questions

### How do I know if we are in the Fairfield school zone?

To see which school zone you reside in, please go to the Department of Education's webpage "[Find my School](#)".

### How do I enrol my child at Fairfield Primary School?

Please complete and submit a *Student Enrolment Form* to the school office. When submitting your enrolment form, also attach:

- Your child's Birth Certificate
- Your child's Immunisation Certificate/Record
- Proof of residence – utility bill, driver's licence, rental agreement, etc. (for new families to the school.)

Enrolment forms may be submitted from March onwards, for the coming school year.

### Are there any dates I need to be aware of when enrolling my child in the Foundation program?

- **End of June:** Submit the enrolment form and supporting documentation to the school office.
- **End of July:**
  - The school will send an email to families either offering/or not offering a place at Fairfield Primary School.
  - Families who received an offer of a place are to reply to the email, either accepting or declining the offer.
- **Early September:** The school will email details of the Foundation Transition program, listing associated activities and dates.
- **November:** The Foundation Transition program is held across multiple days in November.

### What activities are offered as part of your transition program?

The Transition Program is held across October/November and comprises of:

- **Five Transition Sessions:** Children experience a different activity each session from visual art, physical education, performing arts and time in the Foundation classroom.
- **Open Afternoon:** (optional activity) where children and their parents visit the classroom after school to meet others and play.
- **Parent Information Evening:** A one-hour evening session for parents.
- **Meet your 2022 Teacher:** Children come to school to meet their classroom teacher and peers in a session held around mid-December.