Program Guide

MERINDA PARK LEARNING & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Term 4: 5th Oct - 18th December 2026

at Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre



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MERINDA PARK LEARNING & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre is a community based not-for-profit organisation based in Cranbourne North, which offers a range of inclusive activities, adult education, children's services, events and hire opportunities for our local community.

English Classes

Whether you are starting out or want to improve your skills, we have a class for you. Learn English in small, friendly, supportive classes. Build your confidence step by step.

Beginner –Starting from the Basics – PL1

Our beginner English classes offer a fun and interactive way to learn the basics of the language. Learn through engaging activities, games, and practical exercises.

What will you learn?

- Start speaking English, learn how to talk to other people and have conversations
- How to introduce yourself
- Speak simple sentences such as 'Today is Monday'
- Ask and answer simple questions
- Enjoy fun activities to learn the alphabet and numbers,
- Read simple words and signs



Perfect if you are new to English.

Mondays 9:30am to 12:30pm & Tuesdays 9:30am to 1pm

Intermediate – Build your skills – L1

Our intermediate English classes are for learners who know the basics and want to build on and practice their English. Learn and apply your English skills for different settings.
Become more confident with your computer skills.

What will you learn?

- Improve your spelling and grammar
- Speak more confidently in conversations
- Learn new vocabulary for work and everyday life
- Write clearer sentences and short paragraphs
- Understand longer conversations and texts



Ideal if you know basic English and want to improve your skills and confidence.

Mondays 9:30am - 3pm

" We do different things in classes and I really like the special days. I enjoy meeting my new friends in class"

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English Classes

Our advanced English classes help you to build confidence and fluency in reading, writing and speaking.

Advanced English for Employment and Further Education – Part 2A – L2

This course is ideal for learners who want to take the next step towards employment, vocational training, further education, or greater participation in their community.

What will you gain?

- Improve your English communication skills for employment and further study
- Build confidence speaking in professional and academic settings
- Strengthen your grammar, punctuation and sentence structure
- Learn to write clear and effective emails and paragraphs
- Expand your vocabulary for workplace and educational environments
- Develop skills to express ideas, opinions and experiences confidently
- Improve your understanding of spoken and written English
- Gain practical skills that can support job applications, interviews and further education opportunities

Thursdays 9:30 am -2:30 pm



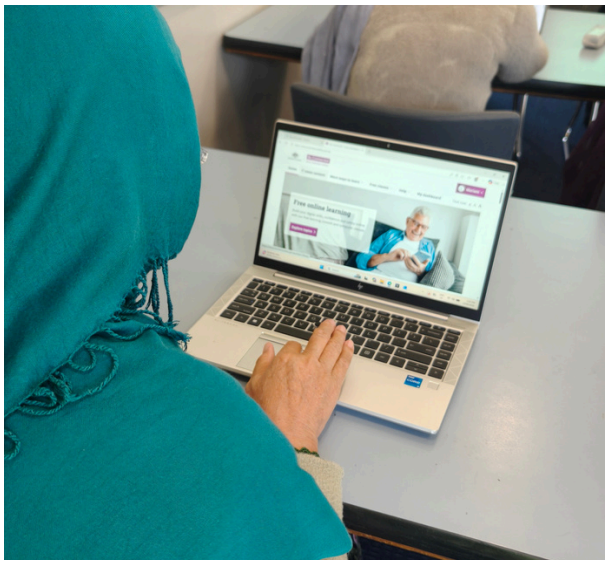
Digital Skills

Our computer classes are delivered by experienced teachers in our fully equipped computer lab with PCs installed with Windows 11.

Be Connected – Basic Digital Skills Sessions

These practical and friendly sessions will help you learn how to use digital devices, send and receive emails, browse the internet, shop online, and access a range of online services. Session content is drawn from the Be Connected learning library and is delivered at a comfortable pace in a supportive environment.

Whether you are a complete beginner or simply want to improve your skills, these sessions can help you become more confident and independent online.



What will you gain?

- Increased confidence using technology
- Practical digital skills for everyday life
- Improved online safety awareness
- Greater independence when accessing online services
- Support from experienced trainers in a friendly environment

Tuesdays 1pm - 2pm

Digital Skills

This course is ideal if you have a basic knowledge of computers, but would like to gain more confidence.



This course will build your email and internet skills, and learn how to stay safe online. You will learn the basics of Microsoft Office: MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint, and managing files.

Tuesdays 9:30am - 12:30 pm

Digital Skills

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Digital Skills - Office

This program develops essential digital and workplace skills to support learners using computers for home, employment and further study.

What will you gain?

- Build essential office and digital workplace skills

Create presentations, invoices and spreadsheets using Microsoft Office tools such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint

- Strengthen your confidence with computers

This course focuses on practical office applications, online tools, and job-readiness skills used in modern workplaces.

Wednesdays 9:30am - 2:30 pm



Excel for Home and the Workplace

Ideal for: Learners who have basic Excel knowledge and want to develop advanced spreadsheet skills for employment, administration, business, finance, customer service, logistics, home-based business or further study.

What will you gain?

- Develop advanced Excel skills for the workplace
- Create professional spreadsheets, budgets, invoices and databases
- Use formulas, tables, charts and pivot tables with confidence
- Improve your digital literacy and data management skills
- Build practical skills valued by employers
- Increase your confidence for employment and further study

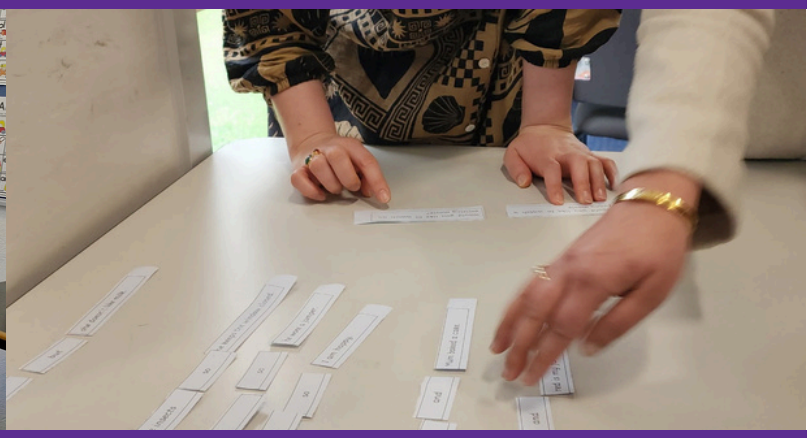
Mondays 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Learn Local

" I wanted to start my own small business as an NDIS provider but had very little computer skills. I am learning a lot in the classes and now have my clients up on my home computer. Thank you" - **Louise**

Classes in your Local Community





Learn English at Arbourlea Family and Community Centre



Conversation Cafe

Learn how to introduce yourself and have simple conversations. Begin to read and write in English.
Classes run on Thursdays 1:15pm-2:30pm

English Classes to build your confidence

Improve your English and talk about everyday issues. Communicate better with schools, doctors and community groups. Learn how to fill in forms, read and write letters and emails.
Classes run on Thursdays at 9:30am-1:15pm

At Arbourlea Family and Community Centre, 75 Wheelers Park Drive, Cranbourne North

Learn English at Cranbourne Primary School

English Classes to build your confidence

Learn how to introduce yourself and start having basic conversations. Begin to read the alphabet, numbers and simple words, shapes and colours.

Improve your English and talk about everyday issues and topics of interest.

Learn how to find information, improve your reading, writing and pronunciation.
Classes run on on Wednesdays 9:30-1:00pm



At Community Hub, Cranbourne Primary School, 42-58 Bakewell St, Cranbourne

Classes in your Local Community

Prepare for the Citizenship test

This course is designed to help learners successfully prepare for the Australian Citizenship Test and become informed, confident members of the Australian community.

What will you gain?

- Prepare for the Australian Citizenship Test with confidence
- Learn about Australia's history, culture, government and values
- Understand citizenship eligibility and the application process
- Practise citizenship test questions and improve your test-taking skills
- Build digital skills needed to complete the online test
- Learn how to access information and support services for your citizenship journey

Classes run on Fridays 11:45am-3:45pm
at Eliston Family and Community Centre, 20 Eliston Ave, Clyde

Learn Local







Free classes coming soon to a brand new centre in Clyde North

Dharrang Balit Community Centre

Taking Expressions of Interest for term 1 2027 (date TBC)

- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Warehousing
- English PL1
- English Level 1

At Dharrang Balit Community Centre,
51 Sovereign Avenue, Clyde North





Employability Skills

Learn new skills to prepare you for work or further study in our industry tasters. Classes run during school terms.

Introduction to Early Childhood Education

This course will build your foundation skills
and confidence to work in Early Childhood Education and will cover:

- How children learn and grow through play
- Communicating respectfully with children, families and colleagues
- Health, hygiene and staying safe
- How to deal with emergencies at work
- The National Quality Framework

This is a great opportunity for anyone who is passionate about working with children and is a pathway towards Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Tuesdays 9.30am – 3.30pm - Classes start on 29th Sept





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Warehousing and Distribution

Are you interested in working in warehousing, manufacturing or distribution? This course will help you build the literacy, numeracy and workplace skills needed for entry-level roles in factories, warehouses and production environments, including:

- Workplace communication
- Reading and using workplace information
- Workplace health and safety
- Identifying hazards and risks
- Manual handling practices
- Workplace cleaning procedures
- Goal setting and workplace expectations





This course is ideal for cleaners, process workers, machine operators, warehouse workers and anyone interested in starting a career in the manufacturing or warehousing industry.

This course can provide a pathway towards further training and employment opportunities in warehousing, logistics, manufacturing and distribution. More details on Factory and Warehousing Level 2 to follow or contact the Centre.
Taking Expressions of Interest for 2027

Pre-Accredited Courses

Our English, Digital Skills, Employability Skills and Job Readiness courses are Pre-Accredited.

Our Pre-Accredited courses are a great way to gain skills and confidence, whether you are planning to go on to study at TAFE, find a job, or you just want to learn some skills and meet new people.

We have learning packages available comprising multiple courses to meet your needs, enquire for details. Classes run during school terms, and there is childcare available onsite while you study with us.

Pre-Accredited courses are funded by the Adult, Community and Further Education Board, which is in the Victorian Government Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions. This allows us to keep our prices low for green Medicare card holders. Eligibility criteria apply. Please call the centre for more information.
Taking course enrolments for 2027 in November.

Are you interested in something you don't see here? Let us know!
We'd love to know what you would like to see at our Centre. We maintain a list of Expressions of Interest. When there is enough demand, we're able to bring new programs to life**.**

Please note: All programs and classes offered are dependent on enrolment numbers, and may be altered or rescheduled as needed. We do not offer refunds on courses or programs unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Costs for Pre-Accredited courses start at $10 for concession and $20 for non-concession card holders. For all other costs, including for 3rd party providers, please contact the Centre.



Short Courses

Learn new skills and meet people in a relaxed environment with our short course.

Christmas Around the World

In our seasonal themed cooking course we're heading around the world for inspiration, trying new flavours and dishes from different cultures.

Taught by qualified chef Rose, you'll learn to prepare mouth-watering dishes and delectable desserts, and afterwards enjoy tasting your creations in good company with your classmates. All food is Halal.

Wednesdays 11:30am - 1:30pm
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November (4 sessions)

Cost: $100 per person
($25 per session includes all ingredients with a sit down meal)









Children's Services



FREE 3 & 4 year old Kinder

Our funded kinder program is structured and provides a safe and stimulating environment that fosters the holistic development of every child. Our team of experienced and qualified teachers and educators are committed to providing a nurturing and supportive learning environment. We believe in building a strong partnership with parents to ensure the success of each child

Monday to Friday 9:30am - 2:30pm.



Day Care

Children from 2 months to 5 years can attend from 1 day to 5 days a week.

You don't need to rush to work to use our Daycare. Take time for yourself, go shopping, do some study or care for an elderly parent. Our nurturing and fun Daycare prioritises the well-being and growth of every child.

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.



Before & After School Care

Our supportive Before and After School Care caters to the busy schedules of working parents with children at St Therese's. We provide a supportive space where children can unwind, socialise, and participate in fun, enriching activities. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea and they will be safely taken to school and picked up by a walking bus.

BSC - 6:30am - 8:30am, ASC - 3.30pm - 6pm Monday-Friday

School Holiday Program

We offer a range of exciting incursions for children, including Magic Shows, Aussie Wildlife experiences, and Billy Cart activities—bringing fun and learning right to our Centre.

Children also enjoy a variety of excursions, such as visits to TwistED Science, local cinemas, and Gravity Zone, providing memorable experiences beyond the classroom.

Our School Holiday Program creates a fun-filled, safe, and supportive environment for primary school-aged children. We provide a wide range of age-appropriate activities designed to keep children engaged, active, and entertained throughout the holidays.

All excursions and activities are carefully planned and supervised by our qualified and experienced educators, ensuring the highest level of care and safety.

For your convenience, drop-off is available from 6:30am, with pick-up until 6:00pm.









Children's Services

Extended Daycare - Kinder

If you require a little extra support before and after kinder drop-off, our experienced and caring educators are here to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for your children.

We understand how busy mornings and afternoons can be, so we offer flexible care that gives you peace of mind knowing your child is well looked after.

Monday to Friday 9am - 9.30am & 2.30pm - 3pm



Taking enrolments for 2027 childcare in November. Places are limited.

Playgroup

Our playgroup is a great way to meet other parents and give your children the opportunity to have fun, learn and socialise with other children in a safe and supportive environment. Make new friends and enjoy great conversation while your children play. This playgroup is run by the Transformation Church.

Thursdays 10:30am to 12:15pm during the school term
Email office@t.church to join.

Special Interest

Relax with yoga, connect with others and let your creativity shine through crafting.



Free Sewing Social Club

Bring along your own projects and enjoy a relaxed catch-up with like-minded sewers. A facilitator may be present from time to time to offer support and guidance. Use our machines or bring your own.
Fridays, 9:30am - 11:30am



Free Crochet group

This group is ideal for those who have some prior crochet experience and are looking to build on their existing skills.

Participants will have the opportunity to refine techniques, explore more complex patterns, and take on creative projects in a relaxed and supportive setting.

It's also a great space to share ideas, learn from others, and connect with like-minded individuals, all while enjoying the calming and rewarding benefits.
Wednesdays 9:30am onwards



Free Yoga Classes

The sessions are designed for all ages and experience levels, incorporating gentle yoga, breathing and mindfulness practices to support:

- Physical and emotional wellbeing
- Stress management and resilience
- Confidence and self-care
- Social connection and a sense of belonging

Thursdays 10am - 11am in Term 4

Ageing Positively Week - Brunch and Banter

Thursday 15th October - 11am-1pm - Free

Join us for a morning of delightful brunch and playful banter!
Enjoy a selection of delicious home-baked treats while connecting with others in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The morning will feature Australian-themed poetry readings, with participants also encouraged to share poetry from their own cultural backgrounds, celebrating the rich diversity of stories, traditions, and creativity within our community.



This will be followed by a themed art session where you can express your artistic flair and create something unique.

Whether you enjoy good conversation, poetry, art, or simply sharing a meal with others, this is a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect, learn about different cultures, and have some fun.

Schedule

- Delicious Australian-themed brunch - **11am - 11:45am**
- Australian-themed poetry reading. You are invited to share poetry from your culture if you wish - **11:45 am - 12:15 pm**
- Create your own artwork inspired by the Australian-themed poetry **- 12:15 pm - 1 pm**



We look forward to welcoming you for a morning of friendship, creativity, and celebration!

Bookings are essential.

Part of the City of Casey's Ageing Positively Festival.

Events

Get Online Week

Monday 19th October - 1pm-2pm - Free

Protect yourself and enjoy going online with confidence. This informative session will help you learn how to use the internet safely, recognise common online threats, protect your personal information, and know where to seek help if something goes wrong.

Whether you're new to technology or simply want to refresh your knowledge, this session will provide practical tips to help you stay safe and secure online.

Finish the session with a delicious afternoon tea while meeting new people, sharing experiences, and enjoying friendly conversation in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Please contact centre to RSVP for catering purposes.



Social Inclusion Week

Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th November - Free

Celebrate Social Inclusion Week by visiting our welcoming space to enjoy casual activities and friendly conversation over tea or coffee and some biscuits.

A great opportunity to connect with others in a warm, inclusive setting.

Everyone is welcome! No bookings required, just drop in and join us.

Raffle

Enter our raffle to win!

- 1 Ticket for $2
- 3 Tickets for $5

To be drawn on 19th October.

Buy your tickets at reception.



Our Community

Important Dates

September 2026

Friday 18th September - Last day of term 3
Saturday 19th September - Multicultural Family Day
Monday 21st September - School Holiday program commences

October 2026

Monday 5th October - First day of term 4
Thursday 15th October - Ageing Positively Week - Brunch and Banter
Monday 19th October - Get Online Week - Information Session & Afternoon Tea

November 2026

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Christmas Around the World (4 weekly cooking sessions)
Thursday 26th November - Family Christmas Night
Taking enrolments for 2027 adult learning and childcare in November. Places are limited.

December 2026

Friday 4th December - Kinder Graduation
Friday 11th December - Last day for Kinder and classes
Wednesday 16th December - Last day for daycare. Office closes for summer break.

Make a difference in our Community

Apply to become a Merinda Park LCC Committee Member.



- Do you have a few hours a month to spare?
- Are you community-minded and a team player?

This is a fulfilling volunteer role with plenty of variety, which brings you closer to our Cranbourne North community.

Volunteers play a valuable role in the running of our Centre, contributing to committee meetings once a month, assisting with functions and events, as well as supporting our day-to-day activities.

New members are selected by interview and if you're successful, you'll be mentored by a current committee member and receive training.
Our Committee of Governance invite you to apply today. Contact us at the details below.

Our Community

Donate your empty containers

We are an approved donation partner with Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic). This means your empty containers can help us raise money and continue delivering quality services to our families and community.

Where can you take your containers?

- Reverse vending machines (RVMs) are self-service return points
- Depots are staffed centres that sort and count bulk loads of beverage containers. Some offer a drive-thru service.
- Over-the-counter (OTC)refund points are located at businesses and organisations in your community.

Find your nearest return point at **cdsvic.org.au/locations**

Scan the barcode on the CDS Vic East Return-It app



Which containers are eligible?

Most aluminium, glass, plastic and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 150mL and 3 litres are eligible. You can keep the lids on, CDS Vic recycles them too.

How to return your containers and donate to Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre:

At reverse vending machines self-service return points:

1. Select '**Donation**' on the touchscreen.
2. Choose **Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre** from the 6 options displayed.
3. Take your receipt, and Merinda Park LCC will receive your donation electronically.

Digital Devices - Loan Services

Don't have a laptop and urgently need one?
No stress – we've got you covered!

We have devices available for loan for up to 2 weeks, helping you stay connected, complete your studies, search for work, access essential online services, or simply learn how to use digital devices.

Contact us to find out more and check availability.
Terms and conditions apply.

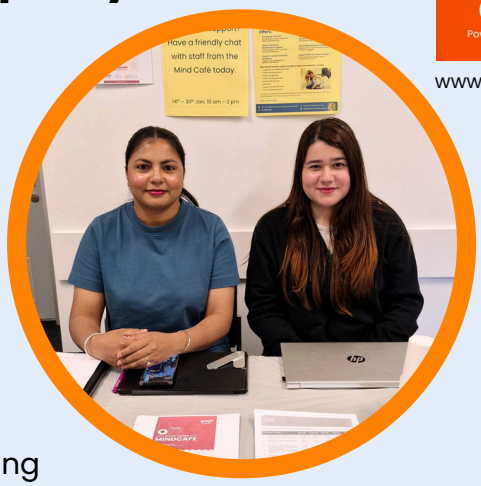


Our Community

MindCafe are here in our foyer to support you.

"Where healing starts with a cup of tea!"

www.MindCool.org



What MindCafe Offers:

- Emotional First Aid
- Stress, Burnout & Mindfulness Support
- Senior Wellbeing Care
- Reducing Loneliness & Isolation
- Youth & Family Emotional Guidance
- Support Before Issues Escalate
- Non-Judgmental Listening

No appointment necessary. Drop in to Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM each weekday.

Ridge Vibe Loans

Vartika Bhatnagar, the Founder & Principal Mortgage Advisor at Ridge Vibe Loans will be offering a friendly, non-obligatory / no cost or fee, guidance in a relaxed setting — simply being available for anyone who may have questions about home loans, refinancing, or navigating the lending process. There would be no requirement for formal appointments unless requested.



RidgeVibeLoans.com.au

Who is this for?

- First home buyers
- Families managing finances
- Individuals wanting better financial understanding
- Single mothers / single parents managing finances independently
- Anyone who would like clear, simple financial guidance on lending

Wednesdays 9am - 2pm

Please contact Vartika on 0480 587 625 for more information

Feeling overwhelmed? You're not alone

Michelle, a provisional counsellor is at Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre and is here to talk to you if you are having challenges in your life.



Counselling service available:
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9am - 3pm

You can talk to Michelle about any concerns you have.
A confidential and non-judgemental safe space.
Call or text: 0426 028 429. Michelle is here when you're ready.
Walk-ins welcome. Sessions are free.

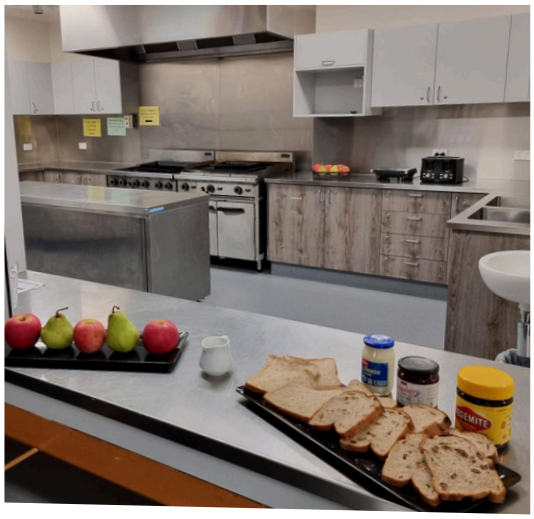
Room & Hall Hire

Offices and Classrooms

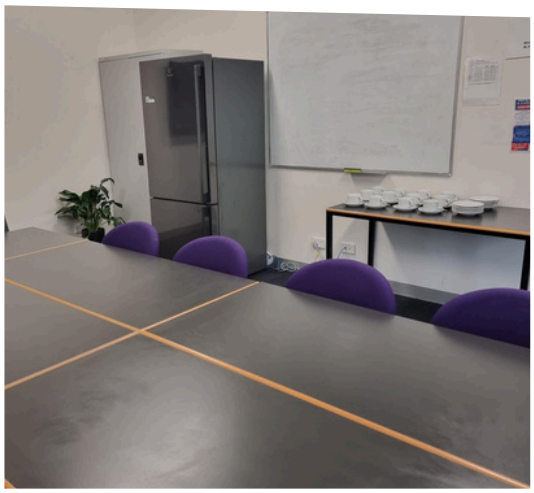
Our rooms are equipped with essential amenities to support your meeting, class, event or gathering. This includes audiovisual equipment, whiteboards, tables and chairs, Wi-Fi connectivity and access to power outlets.

Licensed Kitchen

Do you need a kitchen space that meets the necessary regulations and certifications for commercial food preparation?
Hire includes full access to all cooking areas including benchtops, ovens and stovetops.









Hall Hire

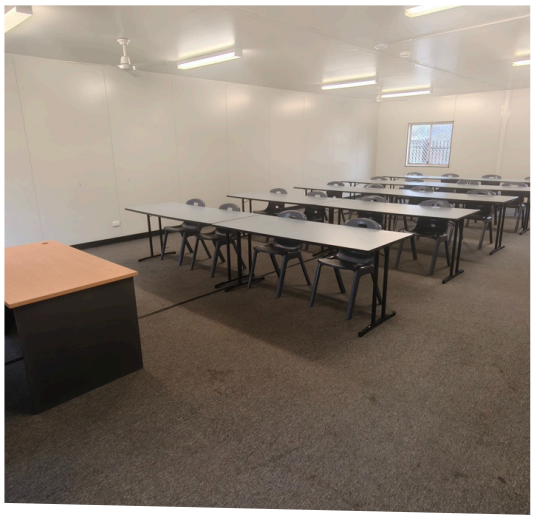
- We have a large events room/hall for hire. The events room can be hired with the option of a licensed commercial kitchen.
- The room can seat comfortably up to 100 guests, with a table setting of 60-80 maximum.
- Tables, chairs and a stage can be provided. The rear of the room has vinyl flooring, perfect for dancing or craft activities.
- Availability: weekdays only available after 6:30pm, weekends enquire for availability.

Room & Hall Hire

Portable Rooms 1 & 2

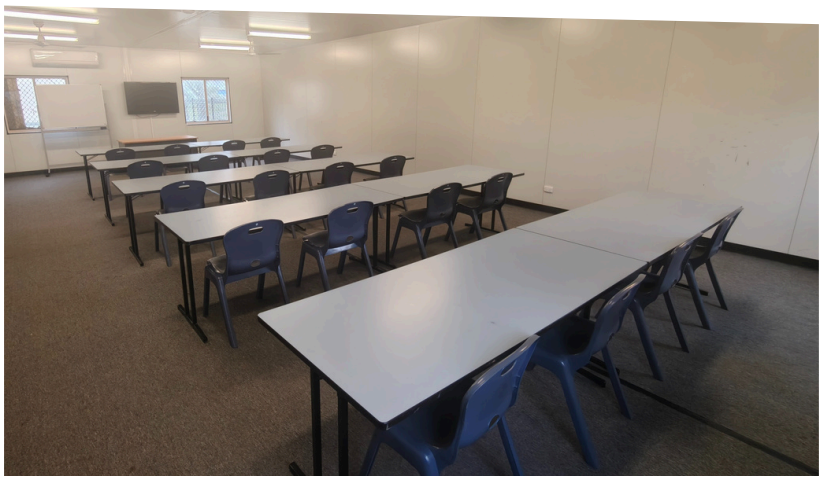
Our large portable rooms are equipped with essential amenities to support your meeting, class, event or gathering. This includes TV screen/projector, audiovisual equipment, whiteboards, tables and chairs, Wi-Fi connectivity and access to power outlets.

Capacity: up to 50 depending on desired configuration.







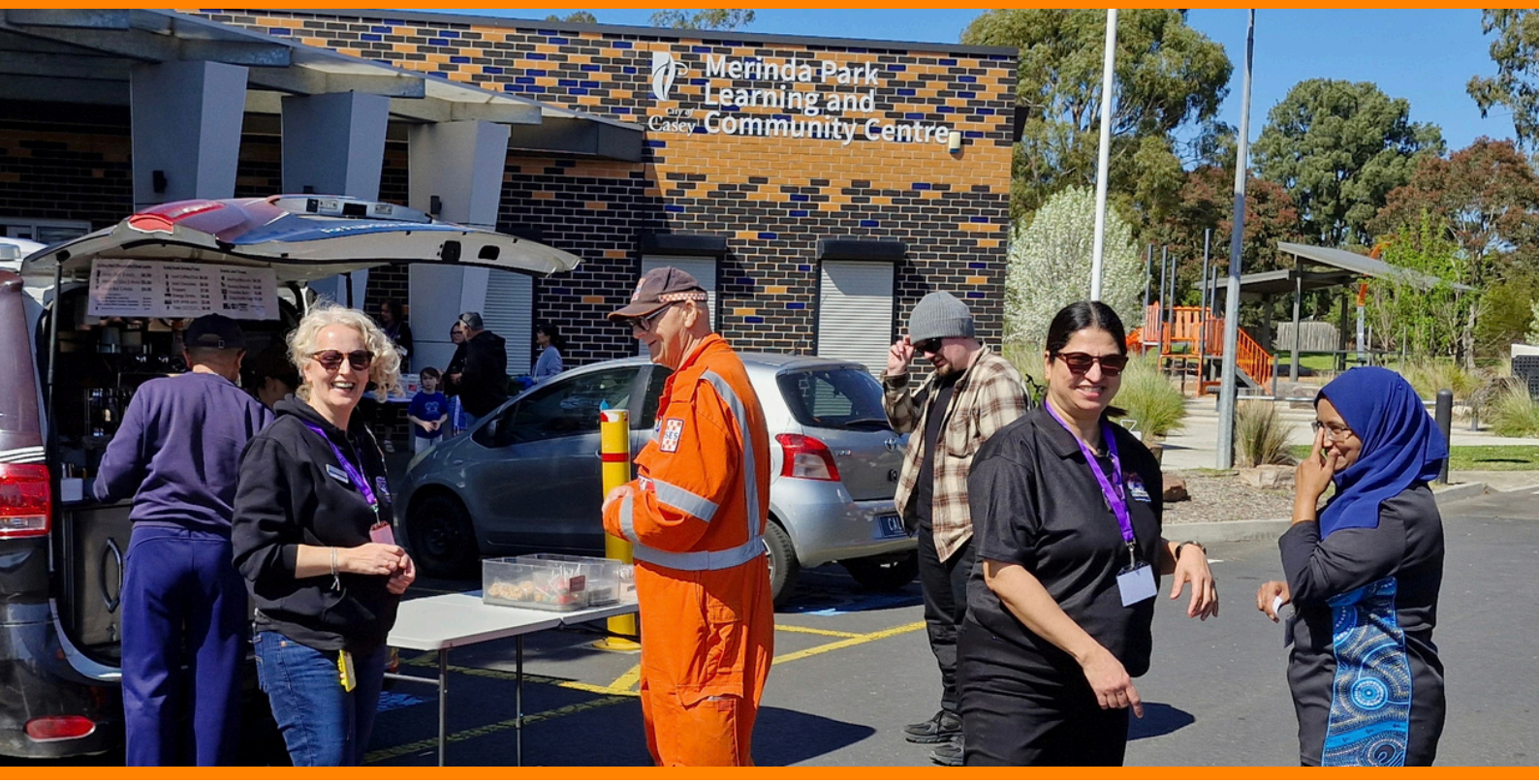


Portable Rooms 3 & 4

Our smaller rooms are equipped with whiteboards, tables and chairs, Wi-Fi connectivity and access to power outlets.

Capacity: up to 20 depending on desired configuration.

Enquire for more information and to arrange a viewing.



MERINDA PARK
LEARNING & COMMUNITY
CENTRE



We have a large, free car park and are close to public transport by train and bus

Contact Us

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E-Mail: **admin@merindapark.com.au**

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