



# Program Guide

Term 2: 20<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

at Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre



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**Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre is 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**

### **What will you learn?**

- Start speaking English, learn how to talk to other people and have conversations
- How to introduce yourself and 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–2:30pm and  
Tuesdays 9:30am–12:30pm**



## **Intermediate – Build your skills – L1**

### **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 –3.30pm and  
Tuesdays – 9:30am –3:30pm**



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

**Phan**

# English Classes

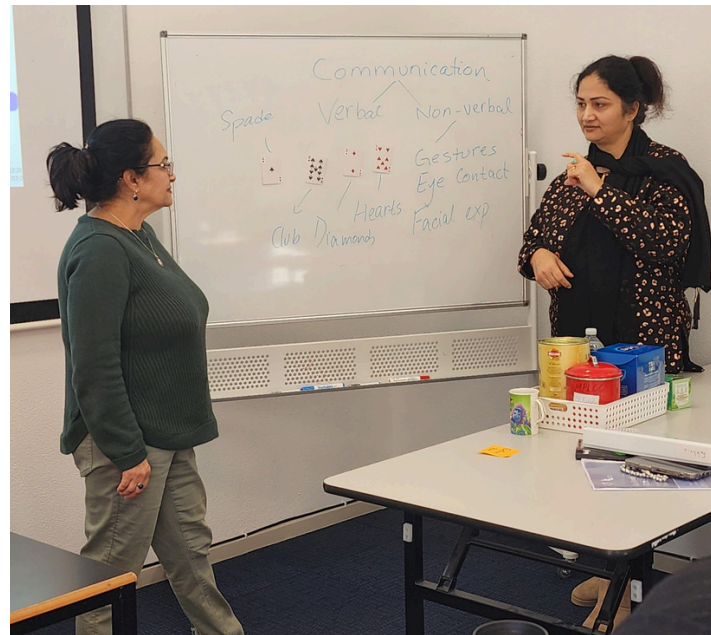
Whether you are starting out or want to improve your skills, we have a class for you. Learn English in small, friendly, supportive classes. Build your confidence step by step.

## Advanced – Strengthen Your Skills – L2

### What will you gain?

- Improve advanced grammar and sentence structure
- Expand your vocabulary for work and study
- Speak clearly and confidently in group discussions
- Write detailed emails, reports and letters
- Understand complex texts and conversations

Great if you are comfortable with everyday English and want to refine your skills for employment, further study, or professional communication.



**Tuesdays 9:30am–11:30am and Thursdays 9:30am–3:30pm**

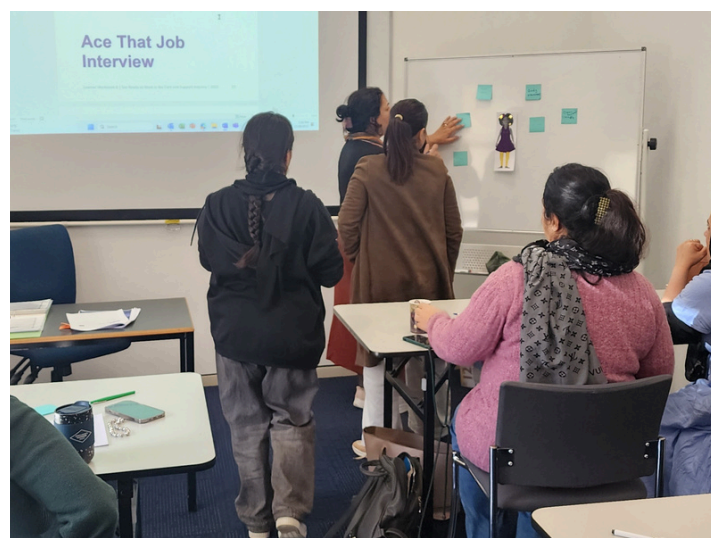
**Our job readiness classes will prepare you to apply for jobs and volunteer roles and develop interview skills.**

## Job Readiness – L2

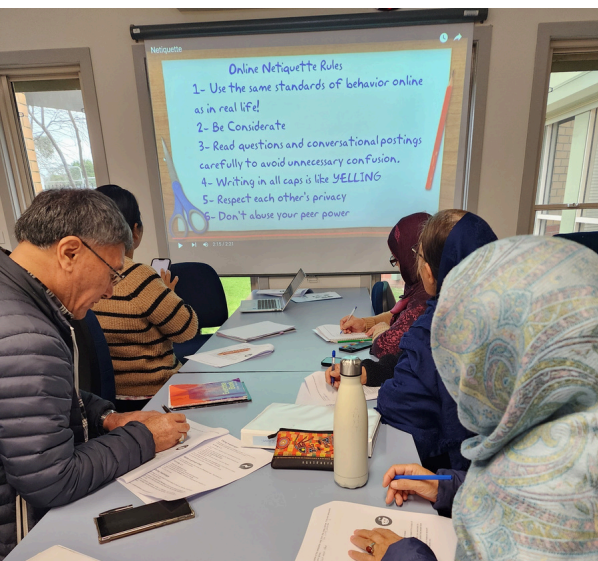
Explore job options and job search platforms, learn to create a professional resume and compelling cover letter.

Build confidence for interviews, practice your communication skills and understand how to make a lasting first impression.

**Tuesdays 11:30am – 3:30pm**



# Digital Skills



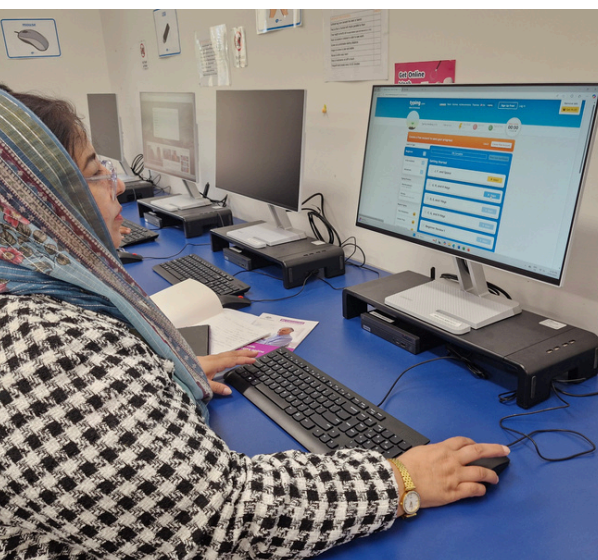
**Our computer classes are delivered by experienced teachers in our fully equipped computer lab with PCs installed with Windows 11.**

## Digital Essentials 1

Our digital devices class for beginners is designed to help you understand the basics of technology.

The class covers different digital devices such as smartphones and computers, email and social media, apps and software. Learn how to access services over the Internet and stay safe online.

**Tuesdays 9.30am - 12.30pm**



## Digital Essentials 2

This course is ideal if you have a basic knowledge of computers, but would like to gain more confidence and experience in building your email and internet skills, finding information and staying safe online, connecting to other devices and managing files. This course will also introduce you to Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

**Wednesdays 9:30am - 3:30pm - starting 27<sup>th</sup> May (5 weeks)**



## Digital Literacy for Adults

This course is ideal if you have a basic knowledge of computers, but would like to gain more confidence and experience in building your email and internet skills, using MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint and manage files.

**Wednesdays 9:30am - 3:30pm from 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 21<sup>st</sup> May (5 weeks)**

# Digital Skills

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## Introduction to MS Word & Excel

If you have some confidence with computers and are wanting to get started in learning workplace applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel, this course is for you.

This course will teach you how to create a cover letter and resume in Word, create documents, schedules and tables, present information, make simple calculations and use formulae in Excel.

Session 1 (5 weeks)

**Mondays 9:30am - 1:30pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Session 2 (5 weeks)

**Mondays 9:30am - 1:30pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> May - 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

"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**

# 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.

**Wednesdays 9:30am–1:30pm and Fridays 9:30am–1:30pm**

**Start date: 29<sup>th</sup> April**





# English Classes in your Local Community



## Learn English at Arbourlea Family and Community Centre

### English Classes for Beginners

Learn how to introduce yourself and have simple conversations. Begin to read and write in English.

**Classes run on Thursdays starting 23rd April at 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 starting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 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 for Beginners

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

**Classes run on Wednesdays during school terms at 9:30–11:00am**

### English Classes to build your confidence

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 Thursdays starting 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11:30am–1:00pm**

**At Community Hub, Cranbourne Primary School, 42–58 Bakewell St, Cranbourne**



# 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.

**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 (concession card holders); for all other costs, including non-concession and 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers, please contact the Centre.



# Short Courses

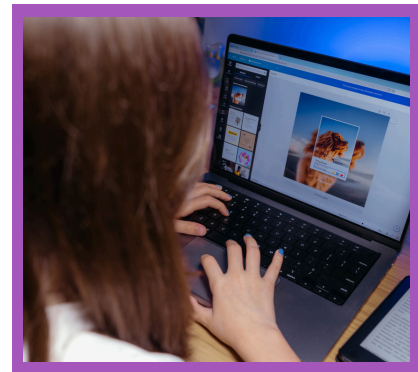
Learn new skills and meet people in a relaxed environment with our short courses.

## Canva and the Community

Learn to design community promotional items in Canva skills while creating reusable materials for a community event from promotion to follow-up.

You will gain practical experience in creating community flyers, social media posts, newsletter and events announcements. Create a brochure which includes a schedule and a map.

- Week 1 – Event Flyer
- Week 2 – Community Newsletter
- Week 3 – Event Day Brochure
- Week 4 – Thank You Card



Date and time to be confirmed, taking Expressions of Interest for Term 2. **Scan QR Code above to sign up.**  
Cost: \$100 per person

## Cooking Around the World

In this cooking course, taught by qualified chef Yasmin, you will 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.

**Thursdays**

**11:30am-1:30pm**

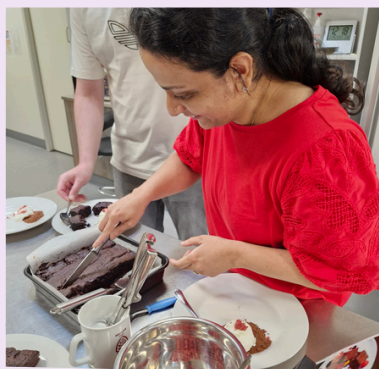
5 sessions -

30<sup>th</sup> April - 28<sup>th</sup> May

Cost: \$125 per person

(includes all ingredients)

**Scan QR code below to book:**



# Children's Services



## FREE 3 & 4 year old Kinder

We provide funded kindergarten with a safe and stimulating environment and offer a healthy, balanced play diet.

Each child is valued and respected and is allowed to make choices and decisions to develop independence. Come and be a part of the journey where learning is an adventure, friendships flourish, and smiles light up the room.

**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 9am – 3pm.**

## 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**

**VIC KIDS  
EAT WELL**

**WINNER  
BIG BITE AWARD**

**Merinda Park Learning and  
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**Outside School Hours Care**



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# Children's Services

## School Holiday Program

Our School Holiday program provides a fun-filled and safe environment for primary school children during school holidays. A wide range of activities keep children entertained and engaged. See website for current activities.

**Monday to Friday, 6:30am – 6pm.**



## 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](mailto:office@t.church) to join.**



# 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**



## Extended Daycare Hours

**We are looking at extending our daycare hours from 8:30am to 4:30pm and would love for you to submit an expression of interest.**

With the rising cost of living and the increasing pressures of work and daily life, we understand how important flexible and reliable care can be for families. By extending our hours, we aim to ease some of that pressure by providing a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for your children for longer periods throughout the day.

Our experienced educators will continue to deliver high-quality care, engaging activities, and a welcoming space where your children can learn, play, and thrive. If this extended service would benefit your family, we encourage you to register your interest with us.

**Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30 pm**



# Arts and Crafts



**Meet new friends and bring out your crafty side.**

## Free Sewing Classes

Learn to sew or improve your sewing skills. Learn the basics of sewing, make bags and simple garments, and sew for charity. Use our machines or bring your own.

**Fridays, 9:30am - 11:30am**

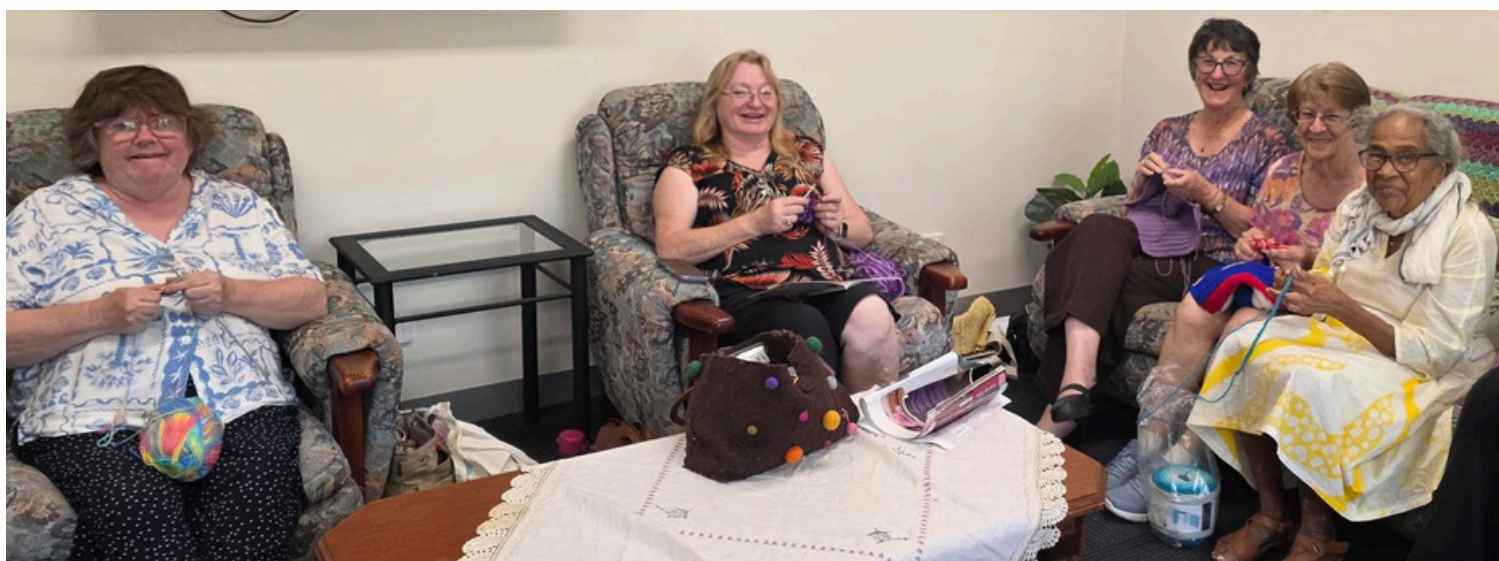


## Free Crochet group

Meet new people who share your passion for crochet, creativity, and socialising.

Come in from 9:30am and stay for as long as you like. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in our drop - in lounge. Share your projects and ideas and be inspired in our casual, friendly group.

**Wednesdays 9:30am onwards**



## Free – Mindfulness & Morning Tea

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 10am–12:30pm – Celebrating Neighbourhood House Week**

We have a very special free event coming up which you won't want to miss. Join us for a wonderful morning of conversation and relaxation.

Our agenda for the day:

- **Session 1 – 10am to 10.30am** – Meet our teachers and play a conversational game
- **Session 2 – 10.30am to 12pm** – Mind Cafe and Jagriti Yoga & Wellness Hub will help you de-stress with an inclusive and grounding yoga session, which is suitable for all experience levels. This session will incorporate mindfulness and breathing to help us release tension, improve mental focus and restore our energy.
- **Session 3 – 12 pm to 12.30pm** – When we are all refreshed we will share a lovely morning tea with plenty of fruit, biscuits & cake.



## Biggest Morning Tea

**Thursday 28th May – 11am – Proceeds go to the Cancer Council**

We are hosting an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a community event that raises vital funds to make a big difference for those impacted by cancer.

We will have refreshments, sandwiches, something sweet and a fruit platter.

The cost is \$5 per person donation to the Cancer Council.

**There is a free gift of a delightful tea spoon for the first 30 people to RSVP.**

**RSVP by 21st May**



# Events

## Multicultural Family Day – Get Involved!

Our Multicultural Family Day is on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September** this year and we'd love for you to be a part of our event.

Would you like to share your culture with our community? We would really like to hear from you if you would like to do a cultural performance or demonstration.

Or do you have a small business or community group and would like to have a stall?

If you'd like to participate, please **scan the QR code** or follow the link to fill in the form, letting us know how you would be interested in participating, or if you would like a stall or information booth, and we'll be in touch. **Thank you for your support.**

<https://www.socialplanet.com.au/request/guest/activity?id=47678>



# Our Community

## Important Dates

### April 2026

**Thursday 2nd April** – Last day of term 1

**Tuesday 7th April** – School Holiday program commences

**Monday 20th April** – First day of term 2

**Saturday 25th April** – ANZAC Day public holiday

### May 2026

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 10am–12:30pm** – Neighbourhood House Week – Mindfulness & Morning Tea

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – 11am** – Biggest Morning Tea

### June 2026

**Monday 8th June** – King's Birthday Public Holiday – Centre closed

### September 2026

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Multicultural Family Day



## Community Garden

Do you have a green thumb?

Would you like to start a gardening group or volunteer to help us maintain our community garden at Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre?

**Contact us at the details below.**

*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*

## Volunteering

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Would you like to make a difference in your community? We have volunteering opportunities in our classes, admin, childcare, kitchen community garden.

**Contact us on 5996 9056 or email  
admin@merindapark.com.au to find out more.**



# 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](https://cdsvic.org.au/locations)

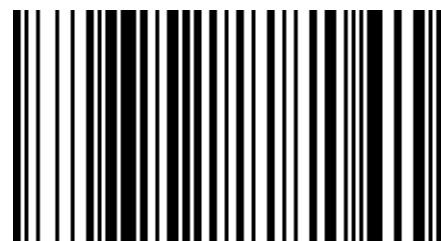
### Which containers are eligible?

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.



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



## Local Matters at Grill'd

When you eat at Grill'd Marriott Waters from 1<sup>st</sup> April you can support Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre.

The staff will give you a bottle cap, just place it in the Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre Local Matters jar. It's that easy to support the work we do for our community.

Our jar will be located at: **Grill'd Marriott Waters**  
Marriott Waters Shopping Centre, Thompson Road, Lyndhurst

**Thank you**

Grill'd



# Our Community

## MindCafe are here in our foyer to support you.

"Where healing starts with a cup of tea!"

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



[www.mindcool.org](http://www.mindcool.org)

### What MindCafe Offers:

#### Emotional First Aid

Immediate comfort when life feels overwhelming.

#### Stress, Burnout & Mindfulness Support

Calm guidance for everyday emotional balance.

#### Youth & Family Emotional Guidance

Support that strengthens homes and hearts.

#### Non-Judgmental Listening

A warm, human space to talk and be heard.

#### Senior Wellbeing Care

Gentle companionship and compassionate conversations.

#### Reducing Loneliness & Isolation

Because no one should feel alone in their struggles.

#### Support Before Issues Escalate

Early care that brings clarity, comfort, and calm.

### Mind Cafe also provide a range of activities to support the community, including:

- Happiness and wellbeing activities
- Healthy eating guidance
- Stress management
- Positive thinking exercises
- Balanced lifestyle tips



## Ridge Vibe Loans

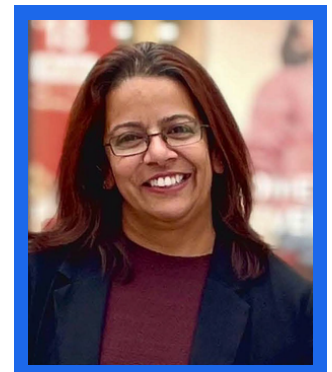
Vartika Bhatnagar, the Founder & Principal Mortgage Advisor at Ridge Vibe Loans will be offering a friendly, non-obligatory / no cost or fee, guidance in a relaxed setting – simply being available for anyone who may have questions about home loans, refinancing, or navigating the lending process. There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

### 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



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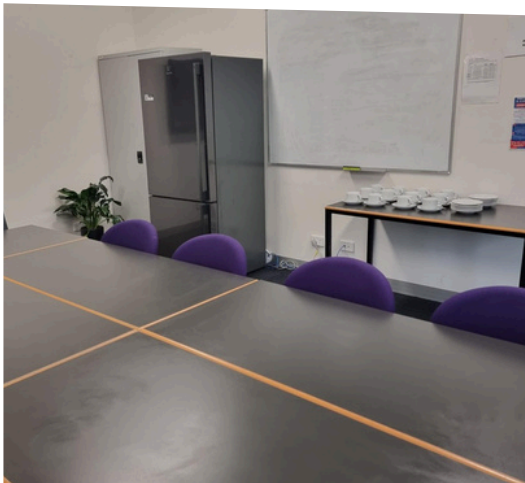
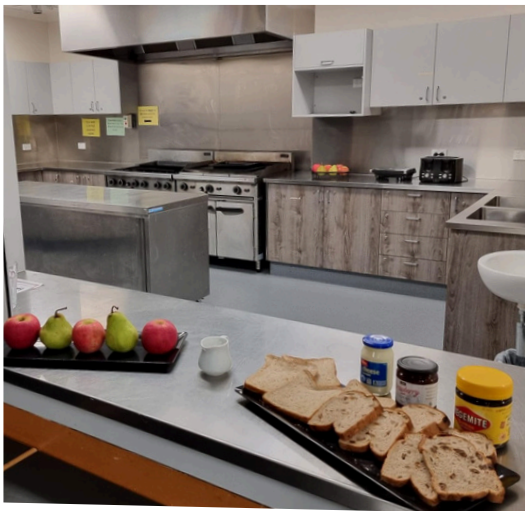
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# Room & Hall Hire

## 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.



## 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.

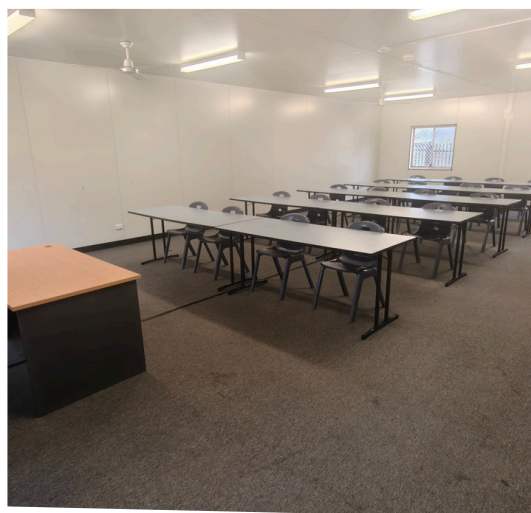
# Room & Hall Hire



## 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, 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.**







# Contact Us

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