

Program Guide



Term 4: 6th October to 19th December 2025
**at Merinda Park Learning
and Community Centre**



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English Classes

Learn English in small, friendly classes from our wonderful, qualified teachers. Enjoy English conversation, fun educational activities and outings.

Beginners English – 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. You'll build essential skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing, including introducing yourself, asking for assistance, shopping and everyday conversation.

Mondays 9:30am – 11:30am

Everyday English – 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 and become more confident with your computer skills.

**Mondays 12pm–3pm and
Wednesdays 9:30am –12:30pm**

Everyday English & Digital Skills (Adv.) – L2

Become more confident with English. Build on your reading, writing, spelling, grammar, speaking and listening. Practice asking questions and learn how to better pronounce words. Understand formal and informal work and social situations.

Mondays and Tuesdays 9.30am –12pm



English & Digital



Our Conversation Classes are designed to build your confidence in speaking English through fun and are a wonderful way to meet new friends.

Conversation and Craft for Beginners

Enjoy relaxed craft activities and meet new friends while learning easy English. Conversation and craft for beginners is a great way to start learning English while having fun.

Tuesdays 9:30am - 11:30am



Conversation Club

Learn English in an informal way with an experienced teacher. Play games, meet new friends, enjoy outings and interactive activities, discuss relevant topics and learn to speak English while having fun.

Tuesdays 12pm - 2pm



Our computer classes are delivered by experienced teachers.

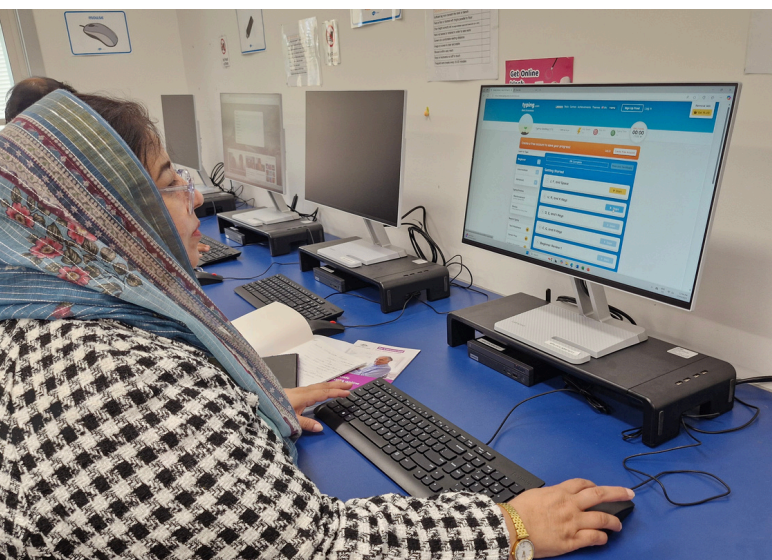
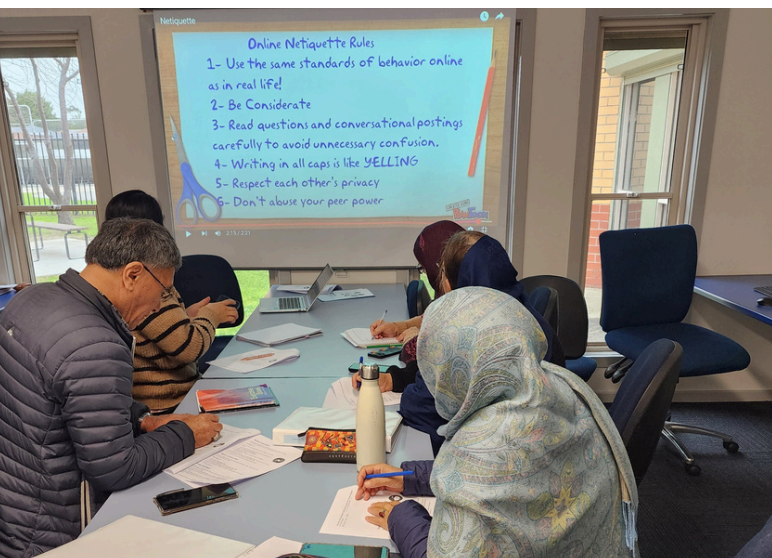
Digital Classes in Hazaragi

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Learn basic computer and smartphone skills from a native Hazaragi-speaking digital skills teacher. Our Hazaragi digital and computer classes are tailored for native Hazaragi speakers.

Fridays 9:30am - 11:30am

Digital Skills



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

Digital Skills 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, their functionality and the ways people can use these devices to connect with others and access services over the Internet.

Mondays 12pm – 3pm

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 – 12.30pm

Introduction to MS Word and Excel

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

Wednesdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm

"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.

Get Ready to Work in Health, Care & Support

Do you want to work in healthcare, aged care or disability support?

Our classes will help you learn the basics to work in health services, including:

- Communicating with diverse groups
- Safe work practices
- Person-centered care
- Understand how to care for others legally, respectfully, and ethically

This course can provide a pathway towards Certificate III in Individual Support, nursing or other health qualifications.

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Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Learn how children learn and develop, and train for skills that can be valuable in getting a job to work with children. This course will improve your literacy and numeracy skills in the diversity of children's services.

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

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Employability Skills

Get work or study ready with these employability skills courses.

English for Work and Study

Are you planning to study at TAFE or University or want to learn to write and communicate more effectively for the workplace? This course covers:

- Adult learning principles
- Introduction to critical reading skills
- Introduction to note-taking for study and work.
- Gathering your information
- Effective writing
- Referencing, quoting and plagiarism
- Communication for work and study

Wednesdays 12.30pm–2.30pm

Prepare for Work, TAFE and Volunteering

This course will provide you with the knowledge and skills to confidently apply for work, volunteering positions and prepare you for studying at TAFE.

This course will cover:

- Resumes and writing job applications
- Initial preparation for job interviews
- Career goal setting and recognising your strengths
- An introduction to studying at TAFE
- Digital Skills
- Strategies to succeed at study

Thursdays & Fridays – 9:30am – 2:30pm



Our Community

Our courses

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.

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.



Volunteering

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Would you like to make a difference in your community?
Classes, admin, childcare, kitchen community garden

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





Our Community

Get help with the Power Saving Bonus

Victorian concession card households can apply for the new \$100 bonus and Merinda Park can support you with your application.

Kindly note that support can only be provided by appointment. Please ensure you have the eligible concession cards, Medicare card or driver's licence and the electricity bill.

For more information, please refer to the link below:

<https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/psb-faq>

Important Dates

November 2025

3rd November – Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre is closed

4th November – Cup Day Public Holiday

28th November – Community Christmas Lunch – 11.30 am – 1.30 pm

December 2025

4th December – Family End of Year Celebrations

9th December – Kinder Graduation Ceremony – 6 pm – 7 pm

12th December – Last day for Kinder

16th December – Last day for Daycare

17th December – Last day for OSHC and Admin Office

The Centre will be closed from the 18th of December 2025 to the 11th of January 2026. Recommencing on the 12th of January 2026 for School Holiday Care.

Admin Office will reopen on the 19th of January 2026.

January 2026

12th January – First day of School holiday program and daycare

19th January – Office reopens

26th January – Australia Day Public Holiday

27th January – Last day for School Holiday Program. Classes recommence

28th January – Kinder recommences



Arts and Crafts



Meet new friends and bring out your crafty side.

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.

Thursdays, 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



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



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 to join.



Special Interest



Casey Camera Club

The Casey Camera Club meets at Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre on 1st, 2nd and last Thursday of every month.

The Casey Camera Club Inc. is a group of photography enthusiasts who welcome new members to share their passion for photography.

Contact

www.caseycameraclub.org.au/contact.html



Cranbourne Chamber of Commerce

Cranbourne Chamber of Commerce meets at Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre bi-monthly.

The Cranbourne Chamber of Commerce supports the development of a strong local community and a sense of civic pride.

Contact

secretary@cranbournechamber.com.au



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 on 5996 9056 or email

admin@merindapark.com.au to find out more.



Ageing Positively Festival

At Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre.

Taking Expressions of Interest now

CANVA Masterclass – In conjunction with Get Online Week

Learn to design and create your own invitations, posters, flyers etc. with a Canva Masterclass (2-hour session led by a digital expert)

- Introduction to Canva and its uses
- Hands-on guidance to create a simple project
- Tips on using Canva for personal and community purposes
- Participants will be encouraged to share what they've created to boost confidence and celebrate their achievements.

Free – including a delicious morning tea

Wednesday 1st October 2025 – 10am – 12pm

Bake Your Brunch

Join us for a relaxed and social morning of baking your own brunch! We'll be making fresh scones, tasty cookies, gluten-free cakes and sharing good company over a cuppa. No experience needed – just come along and enjoy the fun!

Free – including brunch

Wednesday 15th October 2025 – 10am – 12pm



Klaypel Art Session

Get ready for a creative and calming experience with Klaypel – a unique art form made from soft, recycled coloured paper. Klaypel art is more than just fun – it's therapeutic, fulfilling, and perfect for anyone.

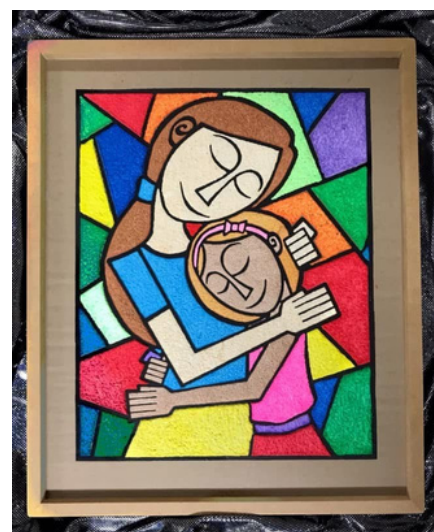
Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned artist, Klaypel ignites the imagination and nurtures the artist within.

All materials provided. No prior experience needed.

Just bring your heart and imagination.

Free – including a delicious morning tea

Thursday 30th October 2025 – 10am – 12pm



Please email admin@merindapark.com.au or call **03 5996 9056** to book your place



Events & More

Career & Employment Counselling for Job Seekers

Career counsellors from Chisholm Skills & Jobs Centre are available to work with you on your resume, support you to apply for jobs or help you identify your next steps.

Fortnightly by appointment - Free

To register call 03 9212 4909 and ask to book into Merinda Park Learning & Community Centre



Free Multicultural Family Day

We are having a Multicultural Family Day event at Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre this October and we would love you to join us!

This year our annual family day will celebrate our vibrant multicultural community.

Bring your family on the day to enjoy

- Family fun & kids' activities
- Light refreshments
- Cultural performances and presentations
- Stalls & information booths and much more

Come along in your cultural or traditional dress if you wish.

Date - Saturday, 4th October 2025

Time - 10:30am-1:30pm

Cost - Free!

Where - Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre



Room & Hall Hire

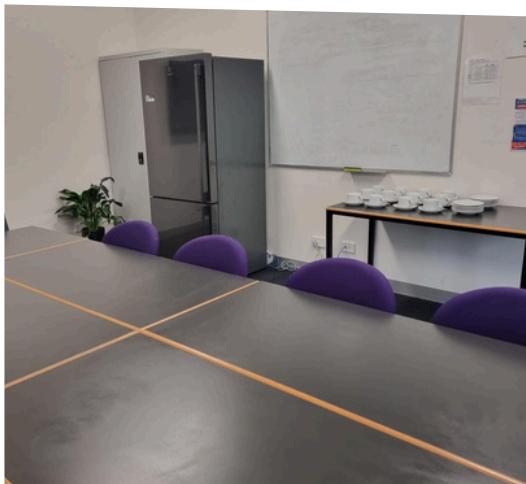
Offices and Classrooms

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.

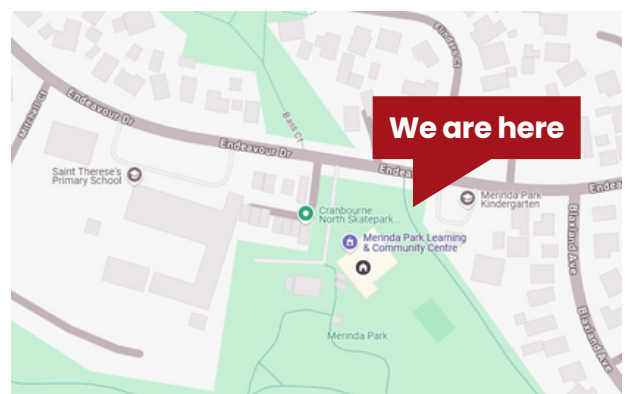


Hall Hire

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. Tables, chairs and a stage can be provided. The rear of the room has vinyl flooring, perfect for dancing or craft activities.



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