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EDUCATION THROUGH SCHOOL SPORT

WHAT we do

Run quality school sporting opportunities.

WHY do we do this?

To encourage students and teachers in the learning process to improve educational outcomes.

HOW do we do this?

We deliver outstanding Championships for school sport interstate representative teams for highly talented sporting students.

OUR point of difference

We have a multi-sport program that provides a consistent approach across all sports; and our program is delivered by teachers in a safe environment.



WELCOME

Welcome everyone to the 2026 School Sport Australia Games 04 in the beautiful sporting capital of Melbourne, Victoria.

School Sport Australia wishes you and your students the best of luck for their competition and hope that you have an enjoyable time in the City of Melbourne and that your stay is a memorable one.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

School Sport Australia respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people, one of the 5 clans that make up the Kulin Nation, the Traditional Owners of the lands on which School Sport Australia Games 04 will take place.

School Sport Australia recognises their enduring connection to the land, seas, and waterways, which have always been places of community, culture and education.

We pay our respects to their ancestors and Elders past and present, and extend our acknowledgement and respect to all Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

OFFICIALS PLEDGE

On behalf of all officials, we pledge to uphold fair play, respect, and integrity, ensuring every participant enjoys a safe, fair, and positive experience.

We will apply the rules impartially and professionally, guided by fairness and the best interests of all athletes.

May these games inspire sportsmanship, friendship, and a lifelong love of school sport.

SSA POLICIES AND GUIDELINES



Note: All information accurate at the time of publishing

Graeme Jennings

President of SSA

School Sport Australia President's Welcome



On behalf of the Board of School Sport Australia, it is my great pleasure to welcome all students, team officials, families and supporters to the 2026 School Sport Australia Games 04 in Melbourne, Victoria.

The School Sport Australia Games provide exceptional student experiences through representative school sport, bringing together eight sports in one city to celebrate excellence, teamwork and the pride of representing your state or territory. Being selected to compete at these Games is a significant achievement and recognition of your commitment, talent and dedication. I encourage every student to embrace this opportunity, compete with integrity and make the most of every experience both on and off the field of play.

We are delighted to once again welcome our international guests. This year marks the third consecutive year that swimmers from Fiji have joined the School Sport Australia Games, and we are also pleased to welcome back divers from New Zealand. Their participation strengthens the friendships and international connections that make these Games such a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

School Sport Australia sincerely thanks the Victorian Government for its generous support in making these Games possible. We also acknowledge and thank our valued partners—Struddys, HART Sport, Study & Play USA, Winkipop Media and Rookie Me—for their ongoing commitment to representative school sport and to creating outstanding experiences for our students.

Finally, thank you to our member bodies, host organisers, officials, volunteers, coaches and managers whose dedication ensures the continued success of these Games.

Congratulations to every student selected to participate. Represent your state or territory with pride, respect your fellow competitors and officials, and enjoy what promises to be an unforgettable School Sport Australia Games experience.

Graeme Jennings
President
School Sport Australia



Steve Dimopoulos MP

Member for Oakleigh

Minister for Sport and Major Events



On behalf of the Victorian Government, I'd like to welcome you to the 2026 School Sport Australia Games.

This event will bring together Australia's brightest young sporting talents for a week of outstanding competition and camaraderie.

Now in its third year, we're proud to continue to support this fantastic event and bring it to Melbourne with support of the Significant Sporting Events Program, which helps organisations to deliver national and international sporting events across Victoria.

Since 2010 the program has secured more than 1150 events for Victoria, with more than half in the regions. These events keeping local businesses busy, hotels and shopping strips bustling and our local economies strong.

We have an exciting 7 days ahead of us, with over 2100 young athletes expected to compete in the sporting capital of Australia.

These Games provide a unique platform for students across Australia to compete at the highest level while fostering teamwork, discipline, and community spirit.

For visitors to our wonderful state, I encourage you to also explore Melbourne and enjoy the sites, like the National Gallery of Victoria, or even catch a game at the MCG. Don't forget to fuel up and enjoy our food and shopping culture.

I wish you all the best for your time in Melbourne.

And to our young athletes – best of luck!

Steve Dimopoulos MP
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History:

School Sport Australia

School sports programs have been conducted in Australia for as long as schools have been established. As a result, Schools Sports bodies (Primary and Secondary) in the states and territories have been operating for many years. Interstate school sporting competitions in Australia based on state representative teams can be traced back to the 1920's when Australian Football and Netball events were conducted and started to expand rapidly during the 1970's.

To enhance the organisation, associations comprising officials from each State and Territory were formed, culminating in the early 1970's in the formation of the Australian Primary Schools Sports Association and the Australian Secondary Schools Sports Federation as bodies responsible for co-ordinating all aspects of interstate competition. These efforts culminated in the formal establishment of School Sport Australia (SSA) in 1981, which unified the national school-sport agenda and served as the central organisation responsible for overseeing interstate and international events.

School Sport Australia was formed in 1981 to act as the parent body for all school sport and as the focal point for an expanding organisation. Since then, SSA has continued to evolve—expanding its multi-sport programming, facilitating All Australian merit and or representative teams, and fostering educational values through compulsory curriculum-related competition ensuring that generations of young Australians gain not just athletic skills but personal, team, and leadership development through representative School Sport.



A New Era for SSA

In 2024, the School Sport Australia Games (SSAG) emerged as a transformative initiative in the landscape of Australian representative school sports, uniting young students from across the nation and the Pacific in a celebration of competition, camaraderie, and cultural exchange.



SSAG01 – Gold Coast 2024

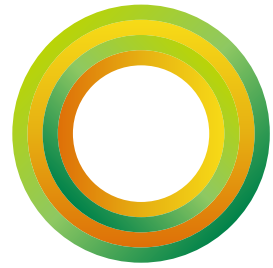
The inaugural SSAG01 took place from July 24 to August 3, 2024, on the Gold Coast, Queensland. This landmark event brought together over 2,000 student-athletes from all Australian states and territories, as well as teams from the Cook Islands and Fiji, competing across six sports: Australian Football, Basketball, Hockey, Netball, Softball, and Swimming.

The Games coincided with the Paris 2024 Olympics, offering participants a unique opportunity to experience a multi-sport event atmosphere akin to the Olympic spirit. The event not only showcased emerging athletic talent but also emphasised educational and cultural enrichment, aligning with School Sport Australia's vision of providing exceptional student experiences through representative school sport.

Logos – Meaning and Evolution

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The School Sport Australia Games logo builds upon the established visual identity of SSA while introducing a unique mark for its flagship multi-sport event. This new logo takes the form of a circle, symbolising unity, diversity, and the national coming together of students for representative competition. The colours used are derived from and complement the SSA logo, ensuring visual alignment and cohesion. The circle design draws inspiration from other games imagery, subtly linking the Games to broader pathways of aspiration and high-performance sport. It visually conveys the inclusive, celebratory, and high-energy nature of the SSAG, while remaining distinctly identifiable within the School Sport Australia brand family.

Medal and Flag – Significance & Design



The design of our medal and flag captures our native country. The water symbolises the multiple journeys people have made to participate in the school sport events. The sun, represented in the middle, is a communal collaboration of all nationalities. The sun is the common ground and invites all cultures to come together and celebrate.

YOUR GEAR UPGRADE STARTS HERE

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CODES OF CONDUCT

School Sport Australia offers the sporting ideals of fairness, honesty and integrity which are central to the code of practice for students, officials, parents and spectators.

Players' Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules with respect, integrity, fairness and be a good sport.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Control your conduct and behaviour on and off the field.
- Play for enjoyment and learn to value honest effort, skilled performance, and improvement.
- Strive for personal excellence and work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- Do not use bad language or make derogatory remarks.
- Treat your opponent with respect, this being the way you would like to be treated.
- Accept and respect all officials' decisions and always communicate in a positive manner.
- Show respect and acknowledge your opposition and the event officials at the conclusion of each game.
- Adhere to all School Education Policies regarding appropriate conduct and behaviour.

Officials Code of Conduct

- Ensure that all students within your responsibility have fair and equitable opportunities for participation and development of their individual and team skills.
- Adopt a student-centered focus on all planning, decision making and evaluation.
- Ensure everyone involved, including parents and spectators, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and appropriate conduct.
- Encourage a positive attitude towards school sport.
 - ✓ emphasise fun and enjoyment.
 - ✓ encourage both teams.
 - ✓ set a good example.
 - ✓ encourage the pursuit of personal excellence.
 - ✓ teach students to be respectful towards officials and opponents.
 - ✓ addressing and encouraging positive conduct of students
- Be consistent, respectful, and helpful toward all participants.
- Ensure that the appropriate Risk Management Plans and Procedures are adhered to.
- Adhere to their respective Education Department Policies regarding appropriate conduct.

Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

- Demonstrate appropriate conduct throughout the event including displaying good sportsmanship.
- Be respectful in communication remembering students play for enjoyment.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Support skilled performances and team play.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any championships.
- Adhere to the respective Education Department Policies regarding appropriate conduct.
- Event officials are not to be approached – Team Officials should be the first point of contact.

Inappropriate Conduct whilst on the SSA event site, includes, but is not confined to:

- Having or consuming alcohol
- Having or using non-prescribed illegal drugs or illicit substances
- Smoking
- Vaping
- Sexual activities and harassment
- Criminal offences including vandalism
- Use of abusive language including swearing or abusing others
- Physical violence to others
- Harassment, bullying or vilification toward others including the use of social media.
- Unethical behaviour / Poor sportsmanship or cheating
- Disregarding State / Territory team guidelines
- Refusing to comply with instructions.

Member Bodies

Australian Capital Territory

In 2011, the ACT Secondary and Primary Schools Sports Associations merged to form the ACT School Sport Management Committee (ACTSSMC), overseen by the ACT Schools Sports Council, which guides SSACT's strategic direction. Representing students across all schooling sectors, SSACT sends top athletes and staff to School Sport Australia Championships and regularly hosts national events, showcasing its commitment to high-quality sporting opportunities for young people.



New South Wales

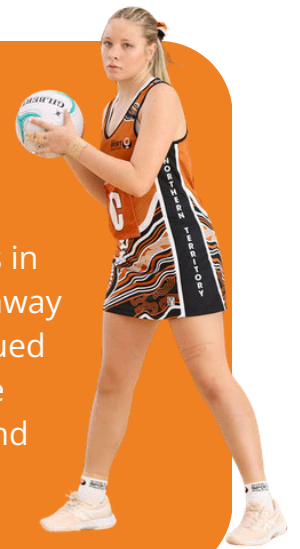
NSW has one of the most established school sport systems in Australia. In 1889, The Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association (PSAAA) was formed to develop a coherent structure and systems that could provide worthwhile sporting opportunities for young people in NSW schools.

Since 1905, the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (NSWPSSA) and, from 1913, the Combined High Schools Sports Association (NSWCHSSA) have delivered extensive programs. NSW All Schools Sport unites government, catholic, and independent schools to select state teams for SSA events, promoting inclusion and excellence.



Northern Territory

Representative School Sport in the NT first became a possibility for students in the 1960s. School Sport NT was formed in 1986 with a more structured pathway program providing those opportunities. Pathway opportunities have continued since then for students in NT schools at both the Inter-Region and Interstate levels. They provide students with a wonderful opportunity to learn, grow and develop skills and abilities outside the traditional classroom walls.



Queensland

Queensland boasts over 100 years of rich school sport tradition, with early interschool competitions laying the foundation for a strong sporting culture. This legacy has further been strengthened with the establishment of Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS), which has introduced a formal structure to support student participation and development.

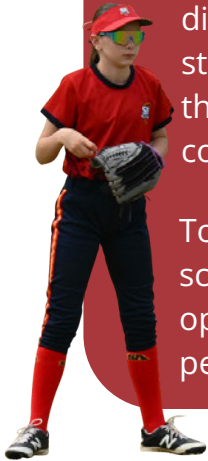
Today, QRSS provides a clear and inclusive pathway for students across the state to progress from grassroots (school-based) involvement to regional, state, and national representation.



South Australia

School sport in South Australia began in 1912 with the establishment of the South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association (SAPSASA), which created organised sporting opportunities for primary school students. As students remained in school longer, the South Australian Secondary Schools Sports Association (SASSSA) was formed in 1974 to support secondary students. In 2004, SASSSA dissolved to allow for the development of new operational structures within the Department for Education, followed by the dissolution of SAPSASA in 2006. In 2019, these committees united to form School Sport SA.

Today, School Sport SA exists to build healthier, more connected students, schools and communities by ensuring all young South Australians have the opportunity to engage in physical activity that promotes good health, enjoyment, personal growth, recognition and meaningful learning outcomes.



Tasmania

Tasmania has a proud history of participation in SSA events. With strong partnerships between schools, the Department for Education, and State Sporting Organisations, Tasmania ensures statewide access to national competition across many sports.

The flexible delivery model enables effective representation and development of student-athletes.



Victoria

School Sport Victoria (SSV), as part of the Department of Education, was established on the 1 January 2010 following the merger of the Victorian Primary and the Victorian Secondary Schools' Sports Association's which had coexisted and delivered sporting opportunities since 1904.

SSV delivers the Team Vic state representative program for Victoria's emerging student athletes to participate at the annual School Sport Australia Championships. SSV also delivers an extensive interschool sport program consisting of 29 different sports to more than 2,500 Victorian schools with over 680,000 student participation engagements per year.



Western Australia

School Sport WA (SSWA) coordinates representative sport for school students across the state's vast geography. SSWA had its beginnings around 1909, all be it different association names and has evolved into a major organisation that is widely recognised as the leading sports provider for school age children. Through the early developmental years sporting events conducted were along traditional lines with football, swimming and athletics forming the main focus.

Currently the SSWA program offers 18 primary and 21 secondary school sports in 122 events that engage over 90,000 students and more than 6,000 teachers. At Interstate Championships SSWA nominates for 15 secondary and 12 primary sports and involves over 700 students and more than 120 officials.



International Participation

Fiji

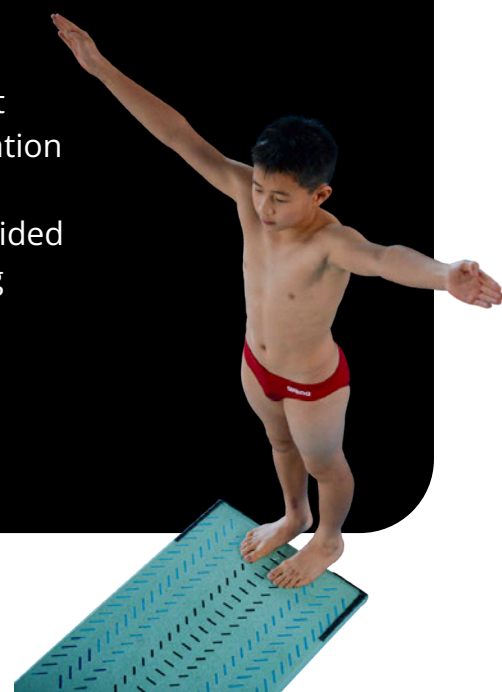
The Fiji National Schools Swimming Team is selected annually from standout performers at the National Schools Age Group Championships. This event draws student swimmers from across the country, with the majority coming from Viti Levu's strong swimming hubs in Lautoka, Nadi, and Suva.

The championships provide a competitive platform is part of Fiji Aquatics pathway for young athletes to showcase their abilities in various swimming events. Selection to the national school's team is based on performance, discipline, and potential, offering students the opportunity to represent Fiji at regional and international competitions. This pathway not only develops competitive excellence but also fosters teamwork, resilience, and national pride among Fiji's emerging swimming talents.



New Zealand

New Zealand has a long history of participation in school sport exchanges and competitions with Australia. Through collaboration between School Sport New Zealand, national sporting organisations, and schools, talented student-athletes are provided with opportunities to compete against some of the best young athletes in the region. These experiences support athlete development, foster international sporting connections, and provide valuable competition opportunities while promoting excellence, sportsmanship, and national pride



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SCHEDULE

SPORT	25/07	26/07	27/07	28/07	29/07	30/07	31/07
Australian Football							
Basketball							
Volleyball							
Football(Soccer)							
Netball							
Swimming							
Diving							
Hockey							

Legend

- Opening Ceremony (combined)
- Day of competition
- Championship Team Experience
*note Volleyball and Netball do also have competition
- Final competition day and Closing Ceremony (each sport separate)

SPECIAL EVENT INFORMATION

EVENT	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Opening Festival and Ceremony	25 th July	3:00pm – 7:00pm	Melbourne Showgrounds Epsom Rd, Melbourne Victoria 3032
Championship Team Experience	Refer to competition draws and schedules		Melbourne Cricket Ground Gate 3, 3 Brunton Avenue, Melbourne, VIC 3002
Educational Parent Talks	27 th July	1:30pm 2:10pm	State Netball and Hockey Centre - Theatrette
	29 th July	2:00pm	Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre - Champions Room
	27 th July	12:00pm 12:30pm	La Trobe University Sports Park - Tony Sheehan Oval - Function Room
	27 th July	1:30pm	The Home of the Matildas - Theatrette
Closing Ceremony	Refer to competition draws		

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHAMPIONS

Discover the stories, history and hidden spaces of the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Melbourne Cricket Ground and Australian Sports Museum Tour

We look forward to welcoming School Sport Australia athletes to the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground and Australian Sports Museum. For more than 170 years, the MCG has been at the heart of Australian sport, hosting some of the nation's greatest sporting moments and inspiring generations of athletes and fans.

Venue: Gate 3, 3 Brunton Avenue, Melbourne VIC 3002

Experience: 1-Hour Guided MCG Tour and 1-Hour Australian Sports Museum Visit



HISTORY

Discover the rich history of Australia's largest and most iconic sporting stadium and the events that have shaped our sporting culture.



ADVENTURE

Explore behind-the-scenes areas rarely seen by the public, including player facilities, the MCC Long Room and the famous boundary line.



STORY TELLING

Hear inspiring stories of sporting legends, memorable moments and the traditions that have made the MCG a symbol of Australian sport.



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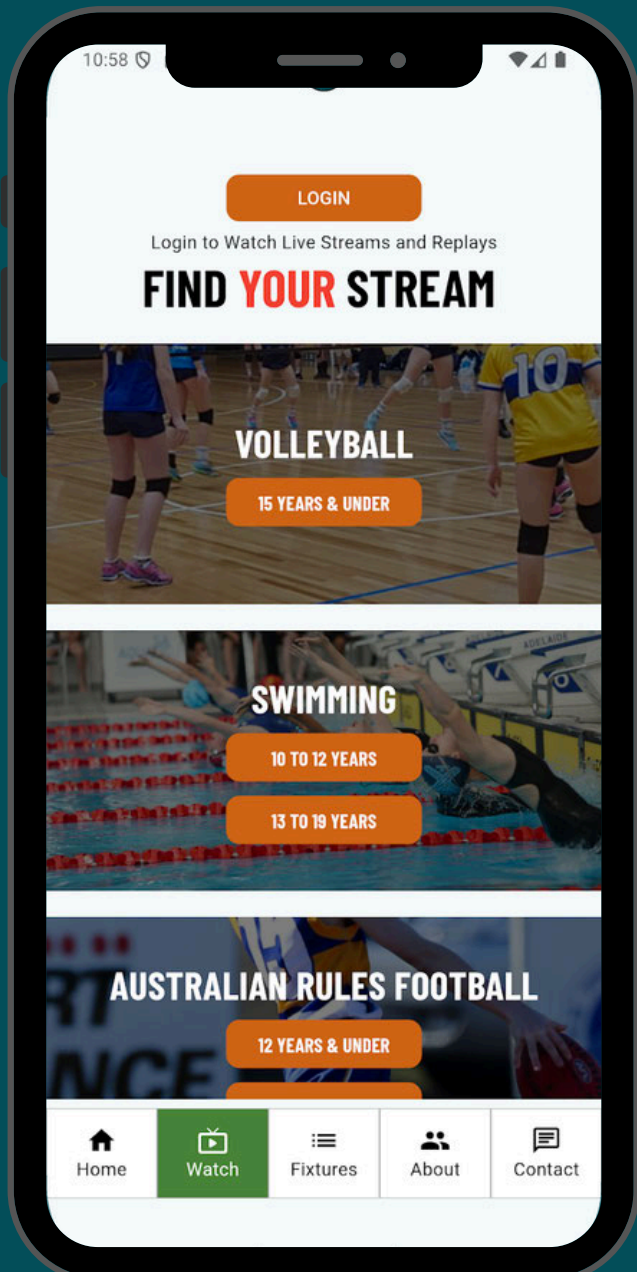
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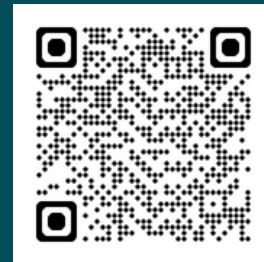
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- Live streaming of selected games
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- Fixtures, results and ladders



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TRANSPORT: SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA GAMES

COMPETITION VENUE GUIDE

Melbourne CBD to Competition Venues

VENUE #1

MCG

(Jolimont / MCG Station)

Best option (Train):

- Hurstbridge/Mernda Line
- Flinders St / Melbourne Central → Jolimont
- Walk to MCG gates (~5 min)



12-15 min

VENUE #2

MSAC

(Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre)

Best option (Tram):

- Route 96 or Route 12
- Stop 129/131 (MSAC)
- Short walk to venue



25-35 min

VENUE #3

State Netball & Hockey Centre

(Parkville)

Best option (Tram 58):

- Tram 58 → Stop 25
- Short walk to venue

Alternative:

- Train (Upfield Line)



20-30 min

VENUE #4

La Trobe University

(Bundoora Campus)

Best option (Tram 86):

- Tram 86 → Stop 60

Alternative:

- SmartBus 350



45-70 min

QUICK SUMMARY

Journey

Estimated Travel Time

CBD → MCG	12-15 min
CBD → Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre	20-35 min
CBD → State Netball & Hockey Centre	20-30 min
CBD → La Trobe University	45-70 min

SERVICES

Medical Centres 	<u>Polaris Medical Centre</u> 32 Copernicus Cres, Bundoora VIC 3083 <u>Armstrong Street Medical Centre</u> Medical Centre, 50 Armstrong St, Middle Park VIC 3206 <u>Royal Park Medical</u> 243-251 Flemington Rd, North Melbourne VIC 3051	Phone: 03 9227 3300 Phone: 03 9699 4333 Phone: 03 8301 5500
Physiotherapists 	<u>Evolution Physiotherapy and Performance</u> 625 Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg West VIC 3081 <u>Results Based Physiotherapy</u> Shop 4, 36/44 Mills St, Albert Park VIC 3206 <u>Elite Academy Sports Medicine & Physiotherapy- Parkville</u> Nona Lee Sports Centre, Ground Floor, Building 103 Tin Alley, Parkville VIC 3010	Phone: 03 9020 3900 Phone: 0466 661 800 Phone: 03 8344 4948
Hospitals 	<u>La Trobe Private Hospital</u> 920 Plenty Rd, Bundoora VIC 3083 <u>The Alfred</u> 55 Commercial Rd, Melbourne VIC 3004 <u>The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne</u> 50 Flemington Rd, Parkville VIC 3052	Phone: 03 9473 8700 Phone: 03 9076 2000 Phone: 03 9345 5522
Chemists 	<u>Chemist Warehouse Polaris Shopping Centre</u> Polaris Shopping Centre 1056 to, Shop H1/1140 Plenty Rd, Bundoora VIC 3083 <u>The Royal South Melbourne Pharmacy</u> 284 Clarendon St, South Melbourne VIC 3205 <u>HealthSmart Pharmacy VCCC</u> 311 Grattan St, Melbourne VIC 3000	Phone: 03 9467 6643 Phone: 03 9645 5828 Phone: 03 9045 9777

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Shopping Centres 	<u>Summerhill Shopping Centre</u> 850 Plenty Rd, Reservoir VIC 3073 <u>Emporium Melbourne</u> 287 Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000 <u>Barkly Square</u> 90-106 Sydney Rd, Brunswick VIC 3056	Phone: 03 9478 4278 Phone: 03 8609 8221 Phone: 03 9385 8200
Local Supermarkets 	<u>Coles Summerhill</u> 850 Plenty Rd, Reservoir VIC 3073 <u>Woolworths South Melbourne</u> 111 Cecil St, South Melbourne VIC 3205 <u>IGA Local Grocer North Melbourne</u> 75 Flemington Rd, North Melbourne VIC 3051	Phone: 03 9466 0300 Phone: 03 8347 6533 Phone: 03 9328 8800
Laundry 	<u>Bubble Laundromat</u> <u>(Summerhill Shopping Centre)</u> shop 1/850 Plenty Rd, Reservoir VIC 3073 <u>Middle Park Laundrette</u> 108 Canterbury Rd, Middle Park VIC 3206 <u>WASH BAR COIN LAUNDRY Flemington</u> 262 Racecourse Rd, Flemington VIC 3031	Phone: 0425 835 538 Phone: 03 9682 0144 Phone: 03 9682 0144
Drycleaner 	<u>Master Dry Cleaners Albert Park</u> 35 Victoria Ave, Albert Park VIC 3206 <u>Victor's Dry Cleaners</u> 9 Armstrong St, Middle Park VIC 3206 <u>The Happy Hanger Dry Cleaners</u> 36-38 Errol St, North Melbourne VIC 3051	Phone: 03 9690 2963 Phone: 03 9696 2928 Phone: 03 9326 3530

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